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Whirlpool helps to create alternative PPE

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. is teaming up with a handful of companies to create alternative personal protective equipment in an effort to address a diminishing supply of N95 respirators and masks.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker announced Thursday that it was working with Dow and Reynolds Consumer Products to provide respirators to health care workers who have been fighting the spread of COVID-19 the past two months.

The joint project is a protective piece of head gear and respirator system that will be made and sold through WIN Health Labs – a subsidiary of Whirlpool that was formed to create covered countermeasures for the coronavirus pandemic.

The announcement comes with an initial donation to several hospitals.

Dow and Whirlpool will each donate 1,000 respirators to health care facilities in Louisiana, Michigan and Texas.

"We are using our supply of N95 masks and respirators at a rate 10 times higher than normal," said Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland. "These are some of the most critical medical supplies to help ensure the safety of frontline workers who are often in direct contact with patients infected with the virus."

The personal protective equipment created by the joint team is a powered, air-purifying respirator, or PAPR, which takes the place of a traditional medical mask and visor and features a replaceable polyethylene hood.

The clear hoods are flexible

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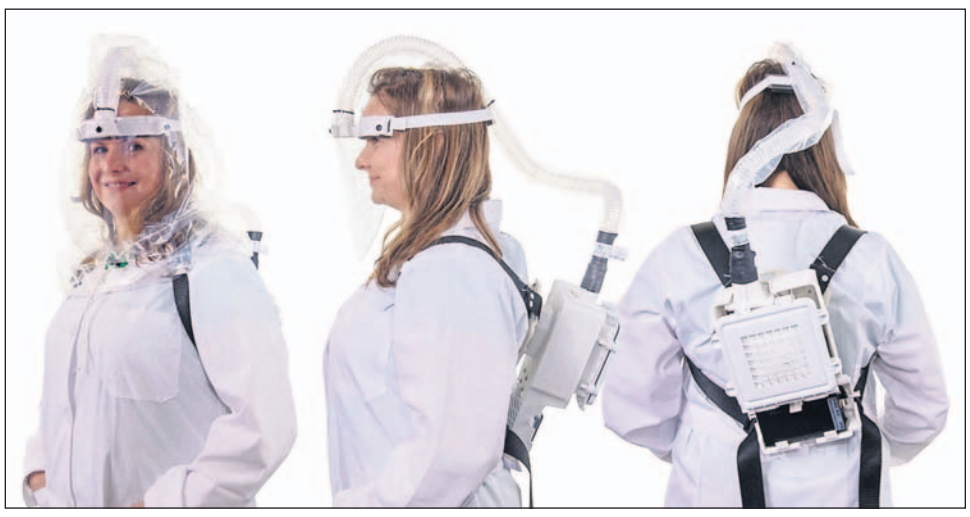

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Whirlpool Corp. partnered with two companies to help make this alternative to the N95 respirator, which has seen a drop in supply.

WALKING IN THE RAIN

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A woman walks through the rain along the bluff in St. Joseph Thursday afternoon.

Economists project billion-dollar Michigan budget shortfalls

By DAVID EGGERT and JOHN FLESHER
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's tax revenues will plummet between $3.1 billion and $3.6 billion below prior estimates this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, and will likely fall billions of dollars short in the next budget year too, economists said Thursday.

On Friday, nonpartisan legislative experts and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration will meet to try to get a handle on the budget outlook two months into the public health crisis. One-third of the workforce has filed for unemployment benefits, schools and many businesses are closed, and travel is restricted to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The Senate and House fiscal agencies projected a $2.4 billion to $2.8 billion, or 10 percent to 11.6 percent, drop in combined school aid and general revenues from last year. That would be $3.1 billion to $3.6 billion below what was forecast in January.

In the next fiscal year, which starts in October, revenues are projected to come

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Pedestrians walk the Mackinac Bridge on during the 2019 Labor Day Bridge Walk in Mackinaw City, . The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) on Thursday suspended this year's event due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

BERRIEN COUNTY

COVID-19 myths dispelled

Snowbirds asked to quarantine for 14 days

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Health Officer Nicki Britten dispelled several myths and answered commissioners questions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic during Thursday's Zoom meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

The following questions from commissioners were summarized and edited for clarity.

Can people with winter homes in southern states be tested for the virus when they return to Southwest Michigan so they are certified virus-free?

Britten said that doesn't work for several reasons.

"This notion of coming to the community and being tested sounds good in theory, but ... if you leave Florida on Monday and arrive in Michigan on Tuesday, and then go to be tested on Tuesday, not enough time has passed to know if your last exposure there on Monday results in an infection," she said.

She said it takes several days after exposure for the virus to multiply in a person's system enough to show up on a test.

"Even if you do get tested and you come back negative, you need to understand that negative doesn't mean that you are now forever certified COVID-free or anything like that," she said. "Even by the time you get your negative results, it's possible that transmission could have happened or an amplification of a virus (could have happened). A negative result is always about a point in time."

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County virus cases jump due to reporting glitch

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Berrien County saw a large jump in COVID-19 cases Thursday as the result of a glitch in the state reporting system that is just getting caught up now, according to the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD).

The county now has 469 cumulative cases, a rise of 44 cases over Wednesday.

In addition, the county added 12 recovered, bringing the total to 284, and three presumed positive cases, bringing the total to 185.

The BCHD reported an additional death as well, bringing the county's death toll to 27.

The death was a man over the age of 90 with underlying conditions.

With the deaths and the recoveries, the county has about 158 confirmed active cases.

The BCHD wrote on its Facebook page, "we continue to see community spread of COVID-19 across the whole county with confirmed and/or presumed cases in every zip code."

Detailed data about the cases can be found at www.bchdmi.org/1689/COVID-19-Cases-and-Data.

The state's long-term care facility data now shows 101 COVID-19 cases in Berrien county's skilled-nursing facilities as of Wednesday.

That breaks down to 28 cases at Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor, 17 cases at Pine Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation in Stevensville and 56 cases at West Woods of Niles.

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State settles suit after right to read ruling

WEST BLOOMFIELD (AP) — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will ask the Michigan Legislature to provide at least $94.4 million to Detroit's public schools to settle a lawsuit that describes the city's schools as "slum-like" and incapable of delivering access to literacy.

The settlement agreement was signed Thursday and comes weeks after a federal appeals court issued a groundbreaking decision recognizing a constitutional right to education and literacy.

Under the settlement, Whitmer must propose legislation to fund literacy-related programs and other initiatives for the Detroit Public Schools Community District.

The state must also provide $280,000 to be shared by seven students named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit, to be used for a high-quality literacy program or other ways to further their education.

The state also agreed to provide about $2.7 million to the district to fund literacy projects.

Education advocates have been trying for decades to win a case like this, said Derek W. Black, law professor at the University of South Carolina.

"The kids in Detroit finally won," he said. "Now we have precedent. The principle in this case is so important to not only the children in Detroit, but also to the hopes of children elsewhere."

Whitmer will ask the Michigan Department of Education to advise school districts statewide on their strategies, initiatives and programs to improve literacy, with special attention to reducing class, racial, and ethnic disparities.

"Students in Detroit faced obstacles to their education that inhibited their ability to read – obstacles they never should have faced," Whitmer said in a statement.

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The data does not explain if any of the 101 cases have died or recovered.

Van Buren County now has one case reported in Meadow Woods Nursing & Rehab in Bloomingdale. Cass County does not have any cases reported in its skilled nursing facilities.

Van Buren County hit 100 COVID-19 cases Thursday, an addition of six cases from Tuesday, as no new cases were reported Wednesday.

The county also added another death Thursday, bringing its total to five.

Cass County is now at 46 cases, an addition of two from Wednesday. It still has two deaths.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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Thursday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
QS-2D-6D-3H-2S
Midday Daily 3
7-2-1
Midday Daily 4
5-1-5-7
Daily 3
3-5-9
Daily 4
9-6-3-7
Fantasy 5
08-17-33-34-36
Estimated jackpot
$110,000
Keno
02-07-09-11-14-15-22-24-26-27-29-37-38-40-42-48-53-54-59-65-72-74
Mega Millions jackpot
$266 million
Powerball jackpot
$86 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan

Powerball
39-53-54-56-57, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 3

Indiana

Cash 5
09-14-17-19-20
Cash4Life
01-18-21-43-50, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
13-14-32-34-35-36
Quick Draw Midday
05-16-20-23-24-27-39-40-42-51-53-59-61-63-69-71-72-76-78-79, BE: 63
Daily Three-Midday
1-2-8, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
8-2-9, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
2-3-3-2, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
5-5-4-7, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
14-15-16-19-22-24-25-28-30-40-43-47-49-51-52-55-61-65-73-76, BE: 43
Hoosier Lotto
03-11-14-34-38-43

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
16-19-31-34-43
Pick Three-Midday
2-4-9, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
0-9-0, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
7-4-7-5, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Evening
9-7-0-1, Fireball: 5
Lucky Day Lotto
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3 million more layoffs intensify fears of lasting economic damage

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A woman looks at signs at a store closed due to COVID-19 in Niles, Ill., on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — Nearly 3 million laid-off workers applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week as the viral outbreak forced more companies to slash jobs even though most states have begun to let some businesses reopen.

Roughly 36 million people have now sought jobless aid in just the two months since the coronavirus first forced businesses to close down and shrink their workforces, the government said Thursday. An additional 842,000 people applied for aid last week through a separate program for self-employed and gig workers.

All told, the figures point to a job market gripped by its worst crisis in decades and an economy that is sinking into a deep downturn. The pace of new applications for aid has declined over the past several weeks but is still four times the record high that prevailed before the coronavirus struck hard in March.

The waves of job cuts have heightened concerns that additional government aid, on top of the nearly $3 trillion already allocated, is necessary to sustain the economy. Without another aid package, many economists worry that thousands of small businesses will go bankrupt, leaving millions of the unemployed with no job to return to. And state and local governments, facing huge revenue shortfalls, could be forced to lay off millions more workers and cut services.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell this week stressed his belief that Congress should consider providing additional rescue money to avoid prolonging an economic catastrophe.

Republicans in Congress are locked in a standoff with Democrats, who have proposed trillions more in aid. Republican leaders say they want to first see how the previous rescue packages affect the economy and have expressed skepticism about approving much more spending now. That sentiment has alarmed some economists.

"There really isn't any sign that the labor market is bottoming out yet," said Daniel Zhao, senior economist at Glassdoor, the career website.

The Trump administration insists that as states reopen, more Americans will shop, dine out and resume other activities, thereby stimulating the economy. But early data suggests it is fear of contracting the virus, even more than shutdown orders, that may be impairing the economy. Without stronger public health measures, such as widespread testing or a vaccine, economists say such fear will depress growth even as more states reopen their economies.

Even though Georgia reopened its restaurants for sit-down dining late last month, Adam Ozimek, chief economist at Upwork, said data from the reservation site OpenTable shows that reservations are still 91 percent below their pre-virus level.

"Simply ending lockdowns is not going to be a panacea for these companies," Ozimek said. "People aren't going out because they don't feel safe yet."

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits actually rose last week in Georgia, as well as in Florida, which has also started to reopen. In Florida, that increase likely reflects a troubled system that caused a belated processing of claims that had been filed earlier.

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Plus, she said that while testing is much more available now than it was a few weeks ago, it is not unlimited. She said they are still only able to test people who have symptoms or who have had exposure to a known positive case.

Instead, she said they are asking people returning to Southwest Michigan to voluntarily quarantine themselves for 14 days to make sure they didn't bring the virus back with them.

Does the flu shot give people some kind of immunity from COVID-19?

Britten said it doesn't.

"The flu shot has nothing to do with COVID immunity," she said. "... The coronavirus is a completely separate virus. You need exposure to the coronavirus virus or part of its material to have immunity. There is not cross immunity between the flu shot and the coronavirus."

Are people who die and test positive for COVID-19 automatically labeled as a COVID-19 death?

Britten said that local deaths are only counted as a COVID-19 death if the person died from the virus.

"I can assure you that here in Berrien County, there's no attempt to try to mark up or claim more deaths as COVID deaths," she said.

If someone has COVID-19 and something else causes the person to die, she said that COVID-19 is not listed as the cause of death.

But if a terminally ill person is expected to die in a month but dies sooner due to COVID-19, then she said it is listed as the cause of death.

Should younger people who are healthy be exposed to the virus so herd immunity builds up faster?

Britten said that just because a person is young and healthy doesn't mean they are at no risk of getting sick and dying from the virus.

But she said there has to be a degree of transmission that the community accepts.

"There isn't really some sort of plan to infect lots of people so we get to those levels of herd immunity more quickly," she said. "... In theory, we're trying to keep transmission slow (until) we can get to a vaccine."

If everything goes well, she said there could be a vaccine by January. Until then, she said that businesses that are allowed to open need to continue to practice social distancing and to allow as many workers as possible to work from their homes.

She said that herd immunity protects vulnerable people who can't be vaccinated for medical reasons and stops viruses from spreading.

"If I'm an infected person and I have contact with another person and that person has immunity, that virus can't be transmitted," she said. "And if I am surrounded by people who are immune and I only have contact with people who are immune, I can't transmit the virus any further."

Because COVID-19 is a new virus, she said no one has immunity to it and it spreads quickly through the population.

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and comfortable, and can be quickly replaced between patients.

Each of the companies involved was looking for ways to help, and through those efforts this unique collaboration was born.

Christian Gianni, president of WIN Health Labs and vice president of technology for Whirlpool a team was created to accelerate the design process that helped get the project from the paper to an approved product in seven weeks.

"Volunteers within each of the companies began reaching out to local healthcare providers to inquire how they could be helpful," Gianni said. "... Through this unique relationship and a huge amount of effort by a very talented group of people, we are now manufacturing respirators and are in a position to help our frontline health care providers."

Whirlpool designed, made and assembled the headsets. Dow provided the polyethylene resin for the hoods, and Reynolds Consumer Products – makers of the Hefty brand – designed and produced the disposable hood.

Volkswagen of America brokered connections with materials and supply chain partners to source critical components.

Two thousand units are being produced in the first phase for donation to hospitals located in regions where Whirlpool and Dow have operations, as well as other hospitals in need of PPE.

To get the needed PPE to as many health care providers as possible, the Hefty team is donating the first 1 million hoods.

"We are pleased to be able to contribute to this solution to provide PPE that is both safe and effective. Supplies will be available so they can use a fresh barrier as needed," said Lance Mitchell, CEO of Reynolds Consumer Products. "Multiple companies providing their expertise have moved this project forward quickly at a time when it was most needed."

The respirator is in production and is made available in a shortened timeframe under guidelines set forth by the Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization, which allows the agency to facilitate the availability and use of medical countermeasures needed during public health emergencies.

"We recognize the bravery and commitment of health care workers throughout this crisis, " said Whirlpool Chairman and CEO Marc Bitzer. "Working with Dow and Reynolds, we are honored to provide this critical equipment to frontline health care workers to help them protect themselves and their patients while they battle this pandemic."

In March, when the pandemic began to hit Southwest Michigan, Whirlpool donated hundreds of containers of hand sanitizer, hand soap and more than 100,000 medical gloves to Spectrum Health Lakeland.

The appliance maker later increased its efforts in April to obtain several shipments of medical supplies for donation to Spectrum Health Lakeland.

The shipments contained more than 92 skids, with tens of thousands of medical masks, gloves, thermometers and hospital gowns.

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in $2.7 billion to $3.3 billion below the earlier estimate.

While Michigan is getting $3 billion from the federal coronavirus relief bill, not including $800 million for large municipalities, it cannot be used to close revenue gaps. Whitmer has asked for more flexibility and federal funds.

Mayors on Thursday pushed Michigan's congressional delegation to support House Democrats' $3 trillion relief bill, which would include $375 million for U.S. cities. The National League of Cities projected Michigan cities will lose 37 percent of revenues, the fourth-highest drop in the country.

"We have already cut dozens of jobs from the city payroll, including in my office, and are facing more drastic service reductions that our citizens need," said Bill Wild, mayor of Westland. "We see state revenues dropping and that means reductions in revenue sharing. The federal government has helped businesses – now it needs to aid cities that are vital to the success of those businesses, too."

Cases

The state reported nearly 1,200 additional COVID-19 cases and 73 more deaths, 35 of which occurred outside the previous 24-hour period. Officials attributed the larger-than-normal case increase – the first time it surpassed 1,000 in just over two weeks – to backlogged results being reported and increased testing inside prisons and jails. Deaths rose to nearly 4,800; cases increased to about 49,600.

Prosecutors

Several county sheriffs have refused to enforce Whitmer's stay-at-home order and other measures. But the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, while acknowledging the Republican-led Legislature's lawsuit challenging the governor's authority and actions, said the orders are still in force. A judge will hear arguments in the case Friday.

State Attorney General Dana Nessel issued similar guidance last week.

Bridge walk

Michigan officials called off the annual Labor Day walk across the Mackinac Bridge, the latest of many summer traditions to be canceled because of the pandemic.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority said the walk – which typically draws tens of thousands of participants to the 5 mile bridge linking Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas – posed too great a health risk.

"We can't in good conscience continue with an event we know draws people from across our state and beyond, and puts them shoulder-to-shoulder for hours, when medical advice strenuously advises against such gatherings," said Patrick Gleason, chairman of the panel.

The three counties in the straits area – Emmet, Cheboygan and Mackinac – have reported 46 cases of COVID-19 and three related deaths. But many walkers come from more heavily populated areas of southern Michigan, where the numbers are much higher.

Toll revenues from motorist crossings have slumped in recent months, leaving less money available to cover the $300,000 in expenses that the walk generates, said Matt McLogan, vice chairman of the bridge auwwthority during an online meeting Wednesday. Gleason said he expects the walk to resume next year.

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From vision to reality

South Haven's Art on the Town soon to have seven sculptures

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Five years ago, former South Haven Center for the Arts Director Thea Grigsby envisioned a downtown with a dozen or so outdoor sculptures that people could enjoy viewing.

Her dream is now being realized, with the announcement of three more sculptures to be placed within a year from now in front of three businesses on Phoenix Street – downtown's main thoroughfare. The additional sculptures will increase the number of downtown Art on the Town sculptures to seven, a fete that pleases Kerry Hagy, the current art center director.

"I picked up the Art on the Town project when I became the director," she said. "It is a much longer process to get sculptures proposed, selected and installed than was expected by many at the beginning of the project. We are extremely excited to be getting momentum in the project, and feel it is such a perfect year to be getting sculptures installed on Phoenix."

The newest outdoor art pieces are being created by artists Lou Rodriguez of Bangor, Patrick McKearnan of South Haven and John Suave of Brighton, located in Southeastern Michigan.

Photo provided

Artist John Suave is one of three artists who are creating sculptures to be placed in downtown South Haven within the next year. Suave's sculpture, shown above, will be placed in front of Johnny's Jewelry Store. The other two sculptors who will have works displayed include Patrick McKearnan of South Haven and Lou Rodriguez of Bangor.

Rodriguez has created a number of outdoor murals in town, while McKearnan's works have been displayed at the South Haven Center for the Arts, where he also has taught classes over the years, according to Hagy. The art center staff became acquainted with Suave's works through the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph. He also has several sculptures on display in both St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

The latest Art on the Town sculptures will be placed in front of Urban Found, Johnny's Jewelry and the gathering area in front of Clementine's.

The trio of new artwork will join existing ones "Life's Garden," located in front of Chemical Bank and created by artist Kathy Kreager of South Haven and "Summer Breeze," also created by Kreager which stands in front of the courtyard by Taste restaurant.

Two other sculptures are in the process of being completed and installed. The sculptures are "Dune Anchor" by Mark Toncray of Riverside, and "Surround Me with Sun, Wind and Water," by Carolyn Robinson Fink of Portage. Those will also be placed in front of businesses on Phoenix Street.

The process of choosing artists and finding sponsors for the artist's works can be time-consuming, Hagy admitted.

The Art on the Town Committee annually reviews artist's works. Once a work or two is chosen, the committee tries to find businesses or individuals interested in paying for the artwork. Those businesses or individuals then agree to donate the sculpture to the city, which then mounts the sculptures on plinths or other concrete platforms for permanent display.

Despite the lengthy process involving different groups and individuals, Hagy said all the effort is worth it.

"I think Art on the Town is getting to the stage were we can celebrate all of our work, and see how the work of the Art on the Town committee is crucial to the mission of the Center to enrich our community through the arts," Hagy said. "Like a lot of the work we do at the art center, I am constantly amazed what we can accomplish with volunteers on a small budget to support and promote artists and enjoyment of art in South Haven."

Coloma Township votes to pay for full cost of new fire truck upfront

Coloma and Hagar Township will consider proposal next

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma Township trustees want to pay their full share of the new fire truck for the North Berrien Fire Rescue Department up front.

That was the consensus Wednesday night at their virtual board meeting.

North Berrien Fire Rescue Chief Mike Mattix said the three municipalities that it serves, Coloma Township, Coloma and Hagar Township, would save about $22,000 if the new truck is paid for all at once.

Earlier this year, the three municipalities heard presentations about buying a new fire truck, which was originally estimated to cost about $670,000 split between the three municipalities – giving them time to work it into their upcoming budgets.

Mattix said that after a bidding process, the cost for the truck, from KME Fire Apparatus, is going to be about $741,000 total. The one-payment discount brings the cost to about $719,000.

Coloma Township's share of the truck at 100 percent down would be $334,600, but with the 50 percent down, the township's final cost would be $340,441.

Trustee Rob Harper, who sits on the fire board, said the township has the money in the truck fund even though it's slightly higher than what was originally budgeted.

He said he supports paying for it all at once because of the more than $5,000 the township would save.

The trustees agreed and passed a motion in support of paying 100 percent for the fire truck upfront.

Mattix will now give the same presentation to the Coloma City Commission and the Hagar Township Board at their next meetings to see if they also agree to pay for it upfront.

He said that discount price will be held by KME until mid-June.

Mattix said KME is estimating about 390 to 420 days to build the truck once the contract is signed and paid for. He said picking KME out of the four bids that were received came down to price, and the fact that the company builds the entire truck themselves, so if a part breaks, it'll be easy to get fixed.

"I believe this truck will last us the expected 25 year period and allow to progress as our technology and firefighting capabilities change," he said.

In other business, the board approved a raise for the townships's non-union employees. The 3.5 percent cost-of-living raise will be retroactive to April 1, the start of the township's fiscal year.

The board will hold a public hearing before next month's meeting on a proposed fireworks ordinance. The ordinance is based on the state's, but township officials say they want to have a local one in place for good measure.

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SPRING FISHING

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Fishermen head down the St. Joseph River, after a day of fishing on Lake Michigan, Wednesday afternoon, in St. Joseph.

Ahead of the curve

Lake Michigan Catholic officials reflect on early start to online learning

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — While most school districts closed in March in a move to help flatten the curve, Lake Michigan Catholic wanted to be ahead of it.

Weeks before Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the closure of schools due to health concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, LMC was already preparing for online learning.

"As soon as COVID-19 hit Michigan, we knew it wasn't a question of if schools would close, but when the order would come down," said James White, LMC Middle/High School principal. "I've always told students that prior planning prevents poor performance, and our proactive approach has set LMC students up for success."

White accelerated plans for one-to-one technology at the middle/high school and met with all students before the closure to go through the mechanics and expectations of online learning.

Teachers began using online tools during their in-person classes to help students acclimate to the different platforms and methods.

Mathematics teacher Allison Gleiss said her 12th grade statistics class began looking at the COVID-19 data in early March.

Students applied their knowledge and had critical discussions about how to "flatten the curve." She said they quickly grasped the need to limit exposure and contact.

"Our students are immensely curious and determined," Gleiss said. "They have embraced online learning and consistently offer honest feedback about what platforms and structures provide the best support.

Online learning started March 16 for elementary students and March 17 for middle/high school students. LMC has supported elementary families with Chromebooks and hard copies of materials as needed.

LMC Elementary School Principal Larry Hoskins said students as young as 3 years old have daily interactions with their teachers through Google Classrooms and other virtual tools.

"We recognize that parental involvement is crucial, especially for our young learners," Hoskins said. "Parent feedback and lots of communication are helping us continually adapt to this unprecedented situation. It's certainly a challenge, but we know that engaging our students academically, socially and spiritually is essential."

Middle and high school students use their school-issued Chromebooks to connect with teachers on a daily schedule that cover three to four periods a day.

Teachers use a blend of online platforms to deliver in-person and pre-recorded lessons, facilitate class discussion and offer individual support.

Homework is turned in on a daily basis, and Fridays are designated as enrichment days – allowing students to follow up on incomplete work or explore other activities.

"For us, there was never the uncertainty of whether this time would 'count' for our students," White said. "As a private school, we can simply go about the essential business of providing an exceptional education. Our students are learning, getting graded on their work and being assessed on their successful grasp of the material."

Hundreds protest stay-at-home order

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Hundreds of people angry or frustrated over Michigan's coronavirus stay-at-home order protested again outside the state Capitol on Thursday, standing in the rain to call for a loosening of restrictions and for business owners to reopen in defiance of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

The demonstration was smaller than previous rallies. The Senate canceled session so the Capitol could be closed Thursday. The step came weeks after some armed protesters entered the building during a rally.

The latest protest was led by Michigan United for Liberty, a conservative activist group that has sued Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and organized or participated in several rallies since early April.

People in the crowd of roughly 200 held signs declaring "Every worker is essential," "Make Michigan work again" and "Stop the tyranny."

"We can get some businesses back open," said David Saxton, a 40-year-old IT specialist from Alma, in central Michigan. He said he lost his job, is receiving unemployment benefits and noted that a COVID-19 vaccine may not be ready for a year and a half. "Staying shut down that long is not practical. You will kill the state. You just will."

Though state police and Michigan's attorney general had warned of enforcing prohibitions on brandishing guns or ignoring potential directives to stay 6 feet apart, there were no arrests. Some protesters still stood closer together.

Some carried guns even though lawmakers from both parties criticized certain demonstrators for intimidating and threatening tactics two weeks ago. At that protest, they openly carried semi-automatic rifles into the Capitol, including the Senate gallery, sparking calls by Democrats to ban guns from the building.

Organizers on Thursday tried to keep the focus on reopening the state. A scuffle broke out when people speaking on the Capitol steps prevented a man from displaying an American flag that had an unclothed female doll with a noose around the neck. Several masked counter-protesters stood silently in support of the governor's actions to keep the virus from spreading.

The Republican-led Legislature was not in session Thursday. A court will hear arguments Friday in GOP lawmakers' lawsuit challenging the governor's ability to extend an emergency declaration, the underpinning of her restrictions, without their blessing.

Three men nabbed in drug bust Thursday

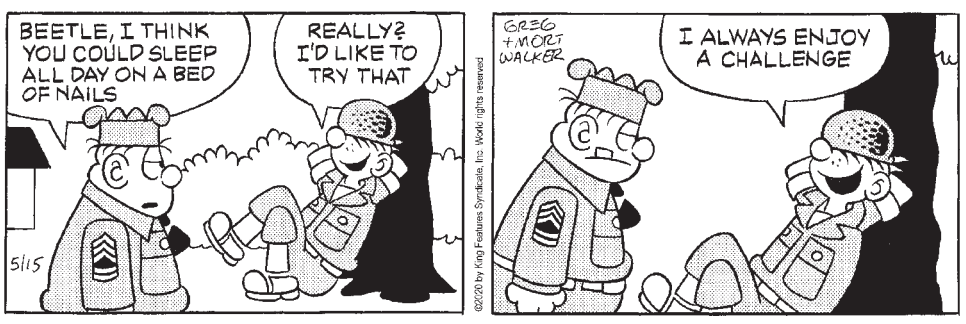
DOWAGIAC — Three men were arrested Thursday after police acted on a search warrant at a house in the 100 block of Hamilton Street in Dowagiac.

The Cass County Drug Enforcement Team reported finding methamphetamine, crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia in the house. The men, ages 64, 59 and 31, were arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of crack cocaine, frequenting a drug house and maintaining a drug house. Their names are being withheld pending arraignment on the charges, and the investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Cass County Drug Enforcement Team Tip Line at 800-462-9328.

Assisting with the search warrant were the Dowagiac Police Department, K-9 Tole, the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Cass County felony detectives and Cass County Animal Control.

BEETLE BAILEY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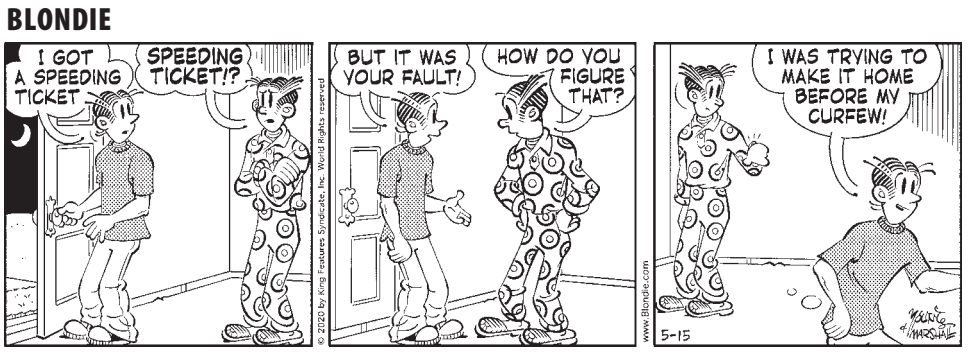
I GOT A SPEEDING TICKET
SPEEDING TICKET!?
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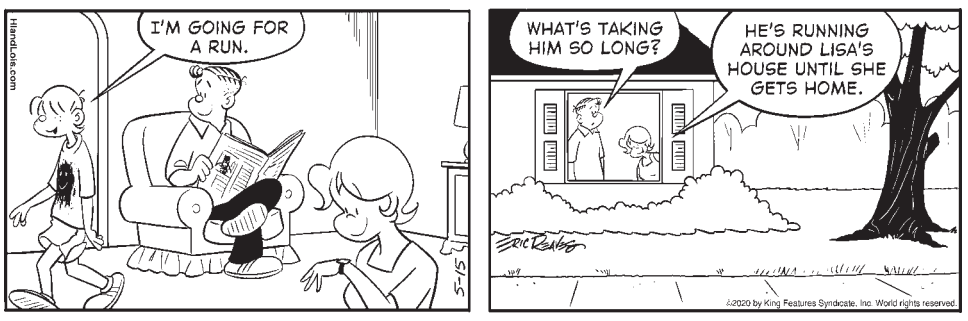
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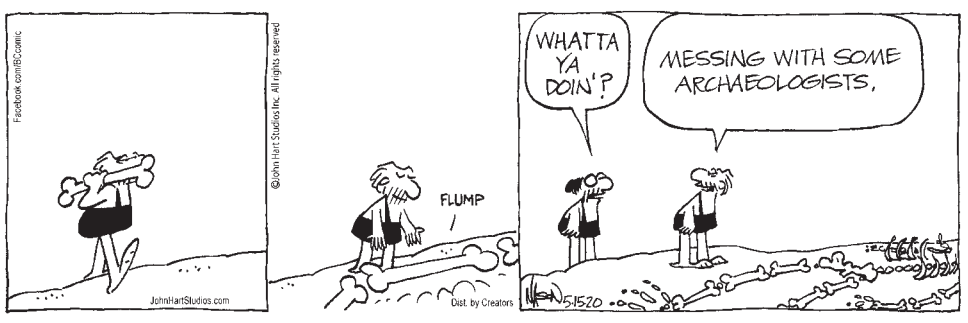

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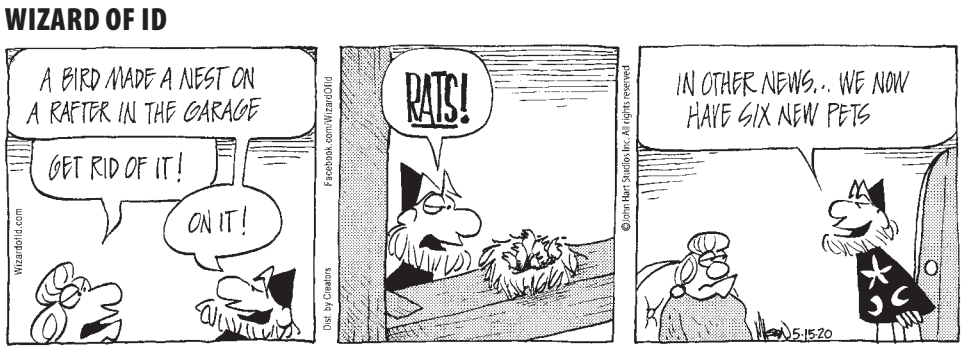
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IN OTHER NEWS.. WE NOW HAVE SIX NEW PETS
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DILBERT

I LIKE WORKING FROM HOME. I CAN DO EIGHT HOURS OF WORK IN ONE HOUR BECAUSE NO ONE IS INTERRUPTING ME.
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I'M TRYING TO WORK HERE!
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GO AWAY!

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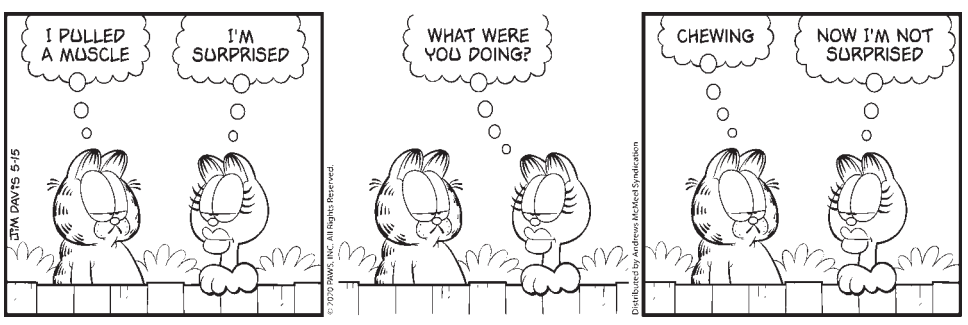

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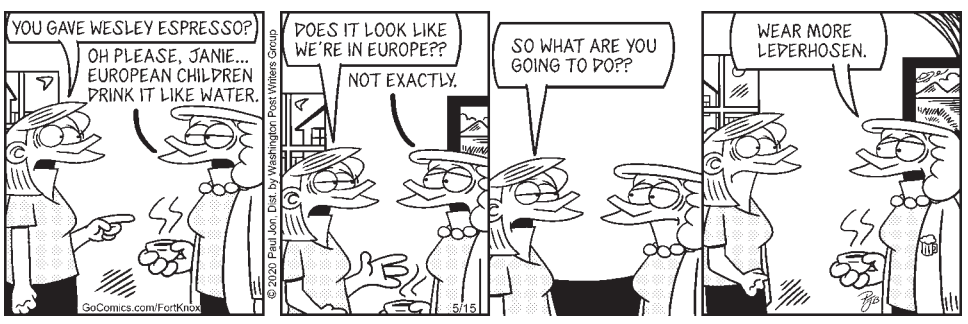
YOU GAVE WESLEY ESPRESSO?
OH PLEASE, JANIE... EUROPEAN CHILDREN DRINK IT LIKE WATER.
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DOES IT LOOK LIKE WE'RE IN EUROPE??
NOT EXACTLY.
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SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO??
WEAR MORE LEDERHOSEN.

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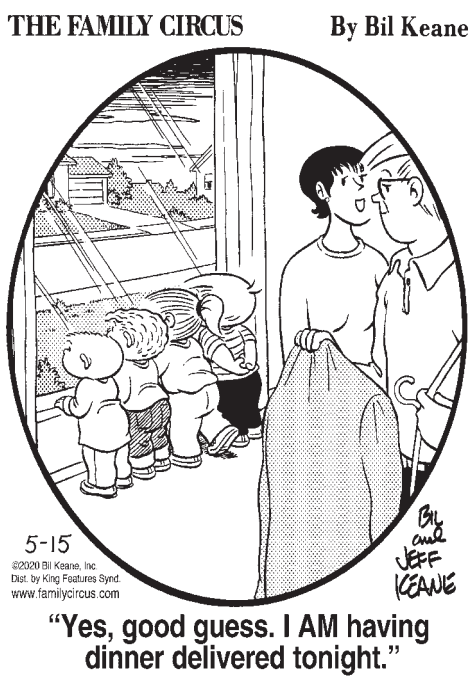

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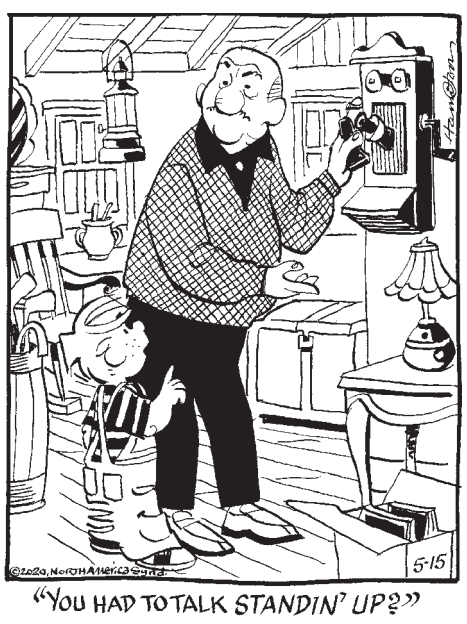

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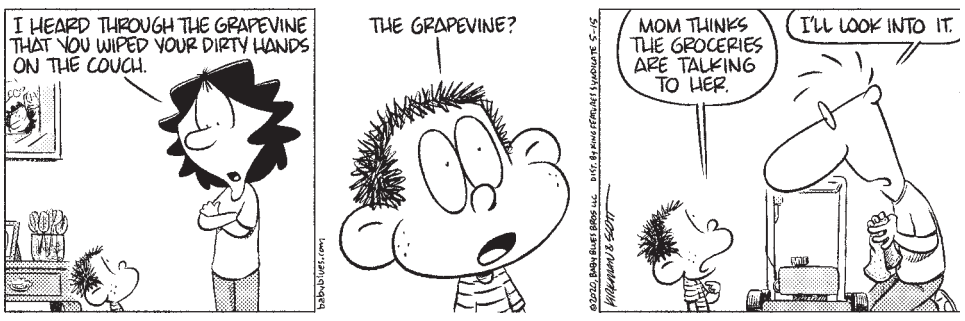
I HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU WIPED YOUR DIRTY HANDS ON THE COUCH.
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THE GRAPEVINE?
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MOM THINKS THE GROCERIES ARE TALKING TO HER.
I'LL LOOK INTO IT.

CURTIS

♫MOMMY, MAY I HAVE A CAN OF CAKE FROSTING AND A SPOON, PLEASE ♪
SKIP SKIP
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU, BARRY! LOOK ME IN THE EYES AND TELL ME THAT'S REALLY WHAT YOU WANT
5-15
CURTIS TOLD ME TO ASK!! HE WANTS IT! HE TOLD ME TO ASK YOU 'CAUSE YOU'RE A PUSHOVER AND YOU'LL GIVE ME ANYTHING I WANT!!
SORRY, CURTIS, BUT I CRACKED
I TOLD YOU TO AVOID LOOKING INTO HER EYES

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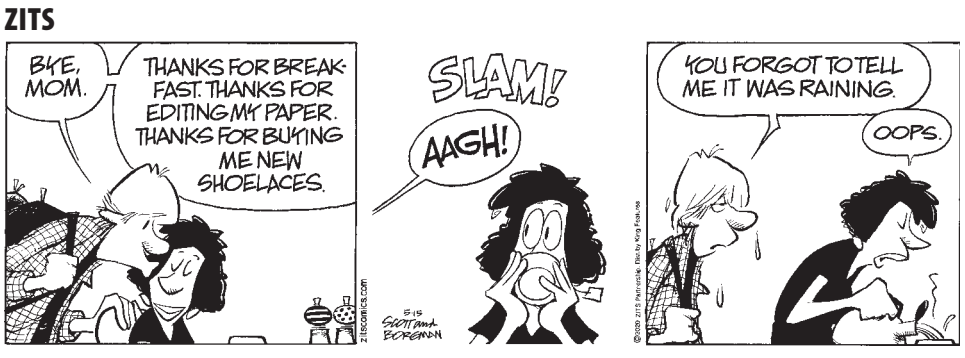
BYE, MOM.
THANKS FOR BREAKFAST. THANKS FOR EDITING MY PAPER. THANKS FOR BUYING ME NEW SHOELACES.
SLAM!
AAGH!
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YOU FORGOT TO TELL ME IT WAS RAINING.
OOPS.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

WHEN WILL OUR WORLD GET BETTER ?
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FELLAS, WE'VE ADDED SPICY CHICKEN WINGS TO THE MENU!
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER!
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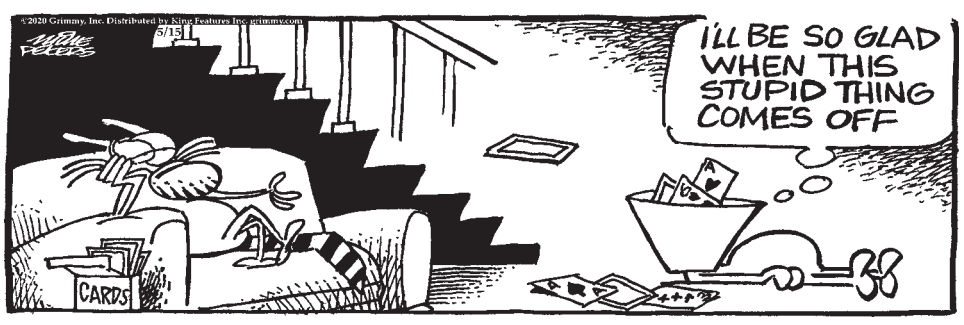
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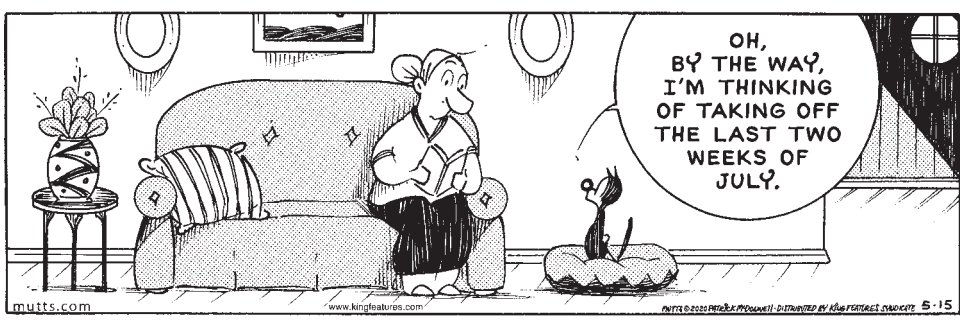

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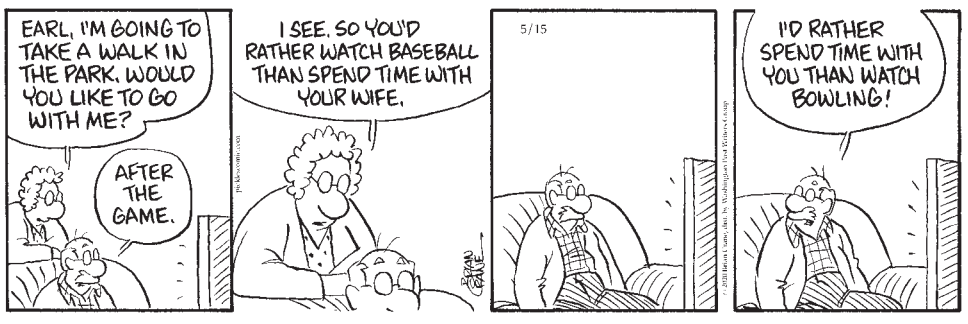
EARL, I'M GOING TO TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO WITH ME?
AFTER THE GAME.
I SEE. SO YOU'D RATHER WATCH BASEBALL THAN SPEND TIME WITH YOUR WIFE.
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I'D RATHER SPEND TIME WITH YOU THAN WATCH BOWLING!

SALLY FORTH

FINISHED BINGE-WATCHING "STARLEE AND THE MOONBEAMS"?
JUST TAKING A SHORT BREAK...
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THERE ARE ONLY TWO EPISODES LEFT, SO I WANT TO SAVOR THEM.
PLUS, YOU'RE ON A ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL WITH YOUR CO-WORKERS.
THEY CAN WAIT.
I'M USING THIS TIME TO SEE HOW MANY TOSTITOS I CAN EAT IN AN HOUR!
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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING MAY 15

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank ((F)) (N)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	The Greatest StayAtHome Videos (N)		Bravery and Hope: 7 Days on the Front		Blue Bloods "Where the Truth Lies"	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Blacklist "The Kazanjian Brothers"		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	COVID-19	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Great Performances "Leonard Bernstein's Mass" A production of Bernstein's Mass.			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion 21st Anniversary		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Confidential"		CSI: Miami "Miami, We Have a Problem"		CSI: Miami "L.A." CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion 21st Anniversary		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Jack revisits a rough patch.		Highway to Heaven "Choices" CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 05.15.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	6:30 ★★★ Gladiator ('00) Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. CC					Friday Night In	Perfect Storm
Animal	Tanked	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition				Tanked CC	
BET	Welcome Hme		★★ Roll Bounce ('05) Bow Wow. CC				
Big Ten	Journey	Journey	Michigan State		Michigan State		MSU
Bravo	Married-Med.	:15 Married to Medicine Los Angeles		★★ Sex and the City ('08) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. CC			
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Rick	Burgers
Cinemax	Jurassic World	★★ Tower Heist ('11) Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy. CC			:45 ★★★ The Crow ('94, Action) Brandon Lee. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	Undercover		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	OutFront	Cuomo Prime Time		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Gabriel Iglesias	
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold (N) CC		Gold Rush (N) CC			
Disney	Bunk'd	★★★ Wonder ('17) Julia Roberts.				Gabby	Coop
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:00 ★★ It's Complicated ('09) CC				★★ It's Complicated ('09)		
ESPN	SportCtr	Featured	★★ The Greatest Game Ever Played				SportCtr
ESPN2	:00 PGA Championship CC				PGA Championship CC		
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 10, 1982.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Michigan	Detroit Tigers Classics (N)					
Freefrm	Alice-Wonder.	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	5:30 Girls Trip	★★ The Hangover Part III ('13, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. CC				★★ The Hangover Part III ('13)	
Golf	:00 Ryder Cup CC						
Hallmark	Autumn Dreams	A Christmas Detour ('15, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure, Paul Greene. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:25 ★★ Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05)		:25 ★★ Good Boys ('19, Comedy) Jacob Tremblay. CC			Real Time With Bill Maher CC	
History	Life After	Life After People CC				:05 Life After People	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Creed	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic (N)					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	Path To the Draft		2020 NFL Scouting Combine CC			
Nick	Danger	★★★ Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lockup	Lockup: San Antonio		Lockup: Louisville		Lockup: Fairfax	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		Snapped "Angelina O'Mara" CC		Snapped "Julene Simko" CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Men in Black 3 ('12) CC				★★★ Men in Black ('97)		
Showtime	6:45 ★★★ Seven ('95) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. CC			Basketball County: In the Water (N)		Boxing CC	
Starz	Sicario-Soldado	★★ Black and Blue ('19) Naomie Harris, Tyrese Gibson. (P). CC				9:50 Vida CC	:31 Outlander
STZENC	:06 ★★ White Boy Rick ('18) Matthew McConaughey.			★★ Wayne's World ('92) Mike Myers, Dana Carvey. CC			Ghost Rider: Spirit
SyFy	6:28 xXx: Return of Xander Cage	★★★ The Fifth Element ('97) Bruce Willis. A New York cabby tries to save Earth in 2259. CC					
TBS	★★★ Dumb & Dumber ('94) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly. CC (DVS)				:45 ★★ Central Intelligence ('16) Dwayne Johnson.		
TCM	North by Northwest	★★★ Ransom ('56, Drama) Glenn Ford, Donna Reed, Leslie Nielsen. CC				★★★ Cape Fear ('62) CC	
TMC	Flying Scots	★★ The House With a Clock in Its Walls ('18) Jack Black, Cate Blanchett. CC				★★ Last Action Hero ('93) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★★ Rush Hour ('98) Jackie Chan.				★ Rush Hour 2	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "A Night Owl"		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		:01 Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)	
VH1	RuPaul	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC			RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC		
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Atrial fibrillation diagnosis requires cardiologist's care

DEAR DOCTOR: Our mom is 66 years old and has always been healthy. She was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation during her last physical. She says she feels fine, so she hasn't followed up with her doctor. What can happen if she doesn't get treatment?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Atrial fibrillation is a common heart rhythm disorder, or arrhythmia, that affects anywhere from 2.5 million to 6 million people living in the United States. Also referred to as AFib or AF, the condition causes a rapid and irregular heartbeat. People living with AFib have an increased risk of stroke, heart failure and other heart-related complications. The good news is that there are several effective treatment avenues for the condition. Without treatment, however, the symptoms of AFib often get worse.

The condition gets its name from an electrical malfunction in the upper chambers of the heart, known as atria, which pump blood into the ventricles, the two lower chambers of the heart. It occurs due to a glitch in the sinus node, a cluster of specialized cells in the upper wall of the right atrium, which act as the heart's natural pacemaker. Instead of producing a steady, rhythmic contraction, the atria quiver, or fibrillate. The result is a disorganized heartbeat, rapid and irregular, which interferes with optimal blood flow. It often causes blood to pool in the left atrium, which can lead to the formation of blood clots. If a blood clot breaks free, it can circulate and block blood flow to other parts of the body. A blood clot that travels to the brain can cause a stroke.

Many people with AFib – and it sounds as though your mother may be one of them – don't experience any noticeable symptoms. Those who do will feel a jittery, racing heartbeat; the sensation of a skipped heartbeat followed by a "thump" within the chest; exhaustion; shortness of breath; dizziness; chest pain or pressure; or unusual fatigue during exertion. The condition runs the gamut from mild to severe. Occasional episodes, known as paroxysmal AFib, last from a few seconds to a few hours, and the heart recovers on its own. AFib that requires medication or an electric shock to return to normal rhythm is labeled as persistent. Permanent AFib is when normal heart rhythm cannot be restored.

Treatment depends on which specific type of AFib a person has, as well as on any additional medical issues that may be present. In all types of AFib, the dual goals are to restore normal heart rate and to prevent blood clots. Medications such as digoxin, beta blockers and calcium channel blockers may be used to restore heart rate. Blood thinners, including Warfarin and newer anticoagulants, are often prescribed to prevent stroke. If medications don't work, procedures to inactivate the sinus node cells causing the arrhythmia may be used. In some cases, a pacemaker is the best option.

Even though your mother can't feel the symptoms of her AFib, the condition is dangerous when it goes untreated. We strongly urge her to see a cardiologist and begin a potentially lifesaving therapy.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Sister-in-law refuses to expose family lying on their kids' vaccination forms

DEAR CAROLYN: My sister-in-law recently opened a now-successful consulting business that provides behavioral therapy for children and young adults. Some of her clients attend the same small private preschool my kids attend. The school adheres to a strict vaccine policy that does not accept conscience exemptions (rampant in our state), only medical. I was a leader in bringing this policy to the school because my son is severely immunocompromised.

Carolyn Hax

My sister-in-law let it slip that she definitely knows of a family "lying about their vaccination forms." She never revealed the name and I didn't push. I did suggest she immediately contact the preschool director, but she told me, "I'm not in the business of telling on my clients."

I was initially beside myself with anger. I didn't feel comfortable telling the director myself, since I didn't have a name or evidence, just hearsay – and if I'm honest with myself, I didn't want my sister-in-law to lose access to clients. My husband doesn't speak much to her and gave me a flat "no" when I asked him to talk his sister about it.

It's been a while, and I'm still mad and perplexed at the way the situation was handled. Should I have pushed more? Did I fail my son by protecting her business over him? Did she have an ethical obligation to report? Was I asking/expecting too much? Where have society's morals gone?! – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: You tell us, since you're the one who helped your relative help a client cheat because it was good for her business.

I do appreciate your candor, with yourself and with us. Please now shine that ray of light on "society's morals": You describe making a bunch of small calculations that you no doubt see as well-intentioned, and those calculations led you to choose pragmatism on your sister-in-law's behalf over principle.

So why can't it be that other people, just like you, are also making a bunch of small calculations they also think are well-meaning, and coming to a flawed, even dangerous conclusion? Why do you see these nameless people in "society" as so immoral while you're generally OK with yourself?

You are now questioning your role, yes, that's no small thing – and I'd like to see record-falsifying parents prosecuted for fraud. Notwithstanding, your view of other people is a textbook illustration of fundamental attribution error. For you, it's a wrenching decision under complicated circumstances; for other people, it's ... bad morals?

Please clean up your thinking here. It's all people with wrenching decisions under complicated circumstances.

From there, of course, people make better and worse decisions, from heroic to criminal – many of them not knowing (or unable to judge) their impact. Anti-vaxxers feel justified, too, remember.

The first right thing for bystanders to do, when deciding how to act on knowledge of others' bad decisions, is put selfish motives aside. Followed by a hard "Is this necessary?" reckoning.

It was your sister-in-law's responsibility to drop this client and to ask the director – names withheld – what the school's policy and recommendations are for these situations. It was and remains your responsibility to risk family backlash and challenge her "don't tell on clients" ethos with a "kids like your nephew count on us to act in good faith" argument. Because you can, and because they do.

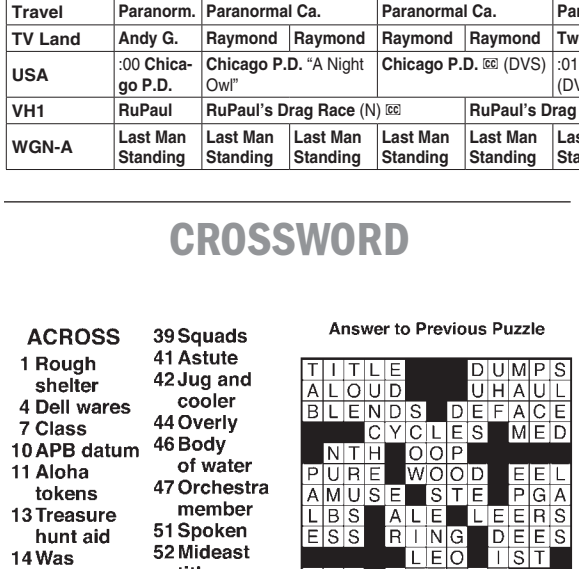
Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Rough shelter
4 Dell wares
7 Class
10 APB datum
11 Aloha tokens
13 Treasure hunt aid
14 Was in front
15 Feed the kitty
16 Ethereal
17 Amble
19 Wild oxen of Tibet
20 Wall Street deg.
21 Big quarrels
23 Broth
26 Jet-setters' needs
28 Kennel sound
29 Kettle
30 Get through to
34 North Woods animal
36 Vast stretch of time
38 Fan's shout
39 Squads
41 Astute
42 Jug and cooler
44 Overly
46 Body of water
47 Orchestra member
51 Spoken
52 Mideast title
53 Sister of Helios
55 Time long past
56 Pet adoption org.
57 Tell a fib
58 Fortify
59 Pipe down!
60 Gator Bowl st.

DOWN
1 "2001" computer
2 Luau strings
3 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
4 Fallback strategy (2 wds.)
5 Peso fraction
6 Location
7 Homer opus
8 Skulks about
9 Islets
12 Medieval laborers
13 Horse
18 Sports off.
22 Be entitled to
23 Hammett's Spade
24 El Dorado loot
25 Sci-fi lander
27 Piece of news
29 Prepare apples
31 Yes vote
32 So-so mark
33 Chinese dynasty
35 Repress
37 Big bird
40 What embers become
41 Colorful carp
42 Verdict-giver
43 Burglar deterrent
45 Ms. Winfrey
46 Spanish painter
48 Elec. units
49 Ego
50 Labor
54 Whale domain

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LAFEB

ALTOWU

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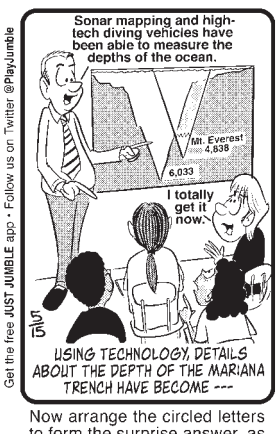
Sonar mapping and high-tech diving vehicles have been able to measure the depths of the ocean.
Mt. Everest 29,035
4,838
6,033
I totally get it now.
USING TECHNOLOGY, DETAILS ABOUT THE DEPTH OF THE MARIANA TRENCH HAVE BECOME ---

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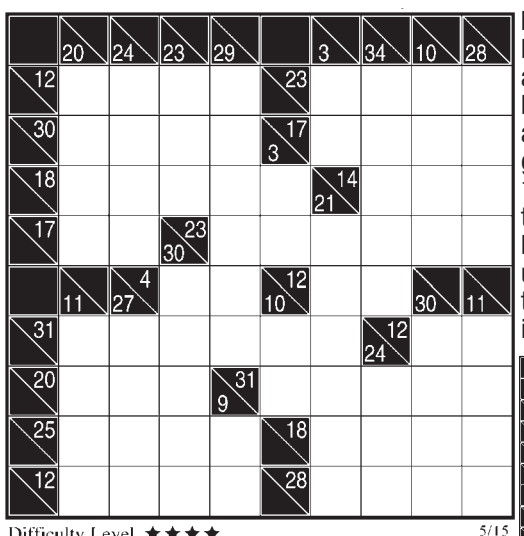
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

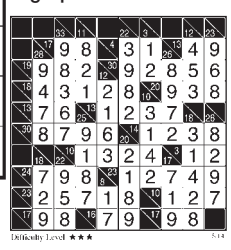
Yesterday's Jumbles: TEPID LANKY ISLAND TIRADE
Answer: When they settled west of the Mississippi, their new homestead was — IN PLAIN "SITE"

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/15



BRIDGE

Moviemakers use music to set the mood for a scene, and we respond accordingly. No one hearing tense, "Jaws"-style music is expecting Julie Andrews to burst through a door singing some gay tune. Only if the film is by someone like Mel Brooks are we expecting the unexpected.

In bridge, we know how to handle certain suit combinations. But occasionally a deal sneaks up and finds us unprepared. We do the instinctive thing and, if the Fates (suit breaks) are unkind, go down when an unconventional approach would have yielded a profitable outcome.

Look at today's spade suit. How should declarer play it in isolation? What about within the context of this deal? West starts with three top diamonds against South's four-spade contract.

Declarer thought he saw 11 easy tricks: five spades, one heart and five clubs. Also, to try to accommodate jack-fourth of spades in the East hand, South ruffed the third diamond, cashed the spade king and played a spade to dummy's ace.

However, when East discarded on the second round of trumps, suddenly the contract was off key. Whether South tried the heart finesse or played on clubs, he was down.

Declarer apologized to his partner and suggested that he should have ducked a round of trumps immediately. North pointed out that although that would have worked, it would have been better to cash the spade king and queen. If they split 3-2, declarer can claim the overtrick. Here, though, South shifts to clubs. West ruffs the third round, but the spade ace is still in the dummy as the entry card to the last two clubs.

North 05-15-20
♠ A 6 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A K Q 6 3

West
♠ J 9 7 3
♥ K 10 5
♦ A K Q 10
♣ 9 7

East
♠ 8
♥ J 9 8 6 3
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ 8 5 2

South
♠ K Q 10 5 4
♥ A Q 2
♦ J 2
♣ J 10 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

	6	2		3	1			
	5				4		8	
	7		8	2				
				6			3	5
2				5				9
5	1			4				
				8	2		5	
	8		5				6	
			7	9		8	1	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	5	9	7	3	8	1	6	4
6	3	7	2	4	1	8	9	5
8	4	1	9	6	5	3	2	7
9	2	3	5	1	7	4	8	6
4	6	8	3	9	2	7	5	1
7	1	5	4	8	6	2	3	9
3	9	2	1	5	4	6	7	8
5	8	4	6	7	3	9	1	2
1	7	6	8	2	9	5	4	3

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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Be receptive, but not gullible. Listen to an offer, consider the information that is valuable to you and apply what you can to reach your goals as the year progresses. Recognize that your glass is half full, not half empty, and trust in your ability to succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do some fact-finding. Be aware of the changes going on around you and stick to the rules and regulations. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Truth matters, and trust must be earned, not bought. Take pride in the way you conduct yourself and avoid getting trapped in regrettable circumstances. Backtracking won't be easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stretch your mind and your plans. It's time to explore what's available and how you can use your skills to get ahead. Changing times mean altering the way you do things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be careful with investments, joint ventures and matters that can affect your health and well-being. Sit tight and observe. Time is on your side. Concentrate on physical fitness and health.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep busy, and don't get into a spat with a loved one. Problems will escalate if you act on information that isn't verified. Make adjustments to protect yourself against loss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pick up information and skills that will prepare you for the future. Insight into trends will help you make a wise decision. Pay attention to your health and personal needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make changes at home that are conducive to expanding one of your interests. A change in the way you live or do things will add to your comfort and entertainment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Consider how best to deal with some controversy that sprouts. Investigate what you hear to verify that the information is valid before you make a decision or respond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Time spent addressing personal concerns will lead to a change at home. Comfort is one thing, but convenience is what counts. A lifestyle change will lead to some free cash.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't take chances with your health or possessions. Be direct, thorough and ready to say no to anyone pressuring you to go against your better judgment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Emotions will surface around personal topics. Don't share sensitive information with others or get involved in a joint money venture. Discipline will be necessary to avoid health concerns. Trust issues are apparent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stick to your plan and take responsibility for your actions. Be smart regarding the information you share. Don't give the wrong impression or say something you might regret.

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act – Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended.

Please be advised that a public hearing of the Benton Harbor Zoning Board of Appeals will be held in the City of Benton Harbor, Lula Lee Commission Chambers located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan on June 1, 2020, immediately following the City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

Selinda Coon of 178 Grand Boulevard, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 is requesting a variation to reduce set back requirements of 174 Grand Boulevard, property #54-2600-0002-00-1, from five (5) feet to three (3) feet and lot area reduced by 209 square feet to allow for a three (3) season porch and balcony on their existing home located at 178 Grand Boulevard, property # 54-2600-0001-00-8. The new construction would reduce the existing square footage of 174 Grand Boulevard from 5293 square feet to 5084. Both lots are under the same ownership. The request is permitted under section 2.6.2.D.1(b) and Section 2.6.3 of the City of Benton Harbor Zoning Ordinance.

In the event that the State of Michigan, Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders # 2020-21 and 2020-75 are extended due to COVID-19, the public hearing / meeting will be conducted virtually. Instructions on how to participate will be posted on the City of Benton Harbor's website, www.bhcity.us.

Members of the public are invited to participate at the public hearing and/or forward comments by mail or email to:
City Clerk Kimberly Thompson
200 E. Wall Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022.
kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov
Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020.

The application and documents for this request may be viewed in the City Clerk's Office, 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan, 49022 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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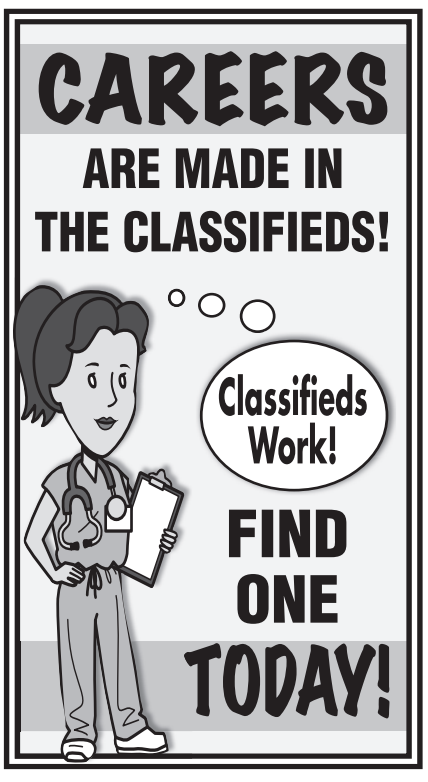
All interested parties are urged to attend.

Darlene Jones, Chief Code Enforcement Officer
May 13, 2020



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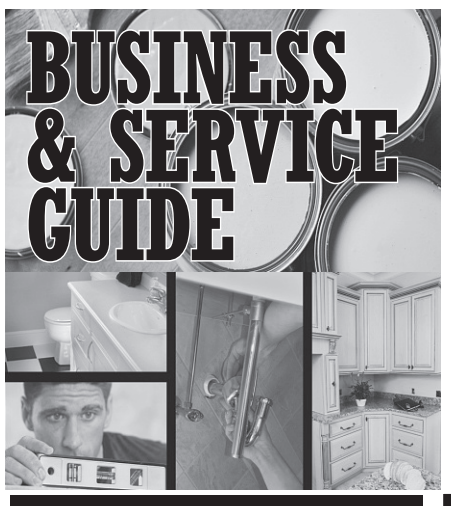

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NASCAR

Cup Series Schedule-Winners
Eds: Updates

Feb. 9 — x-Busch Clash at DAYTONA (Erik Jones)
Feb. 13 — x-Bluegreen Vacations Duel 1 at DAYTONA (Joey Logano)
Feb. 13 — x-Bluegreen Vacations Duel 2 at DAYTONA (William Byron)
Feb. 16 — DAYTONA 500 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 23 — Pennzoil 400 presented by Jiffy Lube (Joey Logano)
March 1 — Auto Club 400 (Alex Bowman)
March 8 — FanShield 500 (Joey Logano)
March 15 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Hampton, Ga. (postponed)
March 22 — Dixie Vodka 400, Homestead, Fla. (postponed)
March 29 — O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Fort Worth, Texas (postponed)
April 5 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (postponed)
April 19 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va. (postponed)
April 26 — GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala. (postponed)
May 3 — NASCAR Cup Series Race at Dover, Dover, Del. (postponed)
May 9 — Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500, Martinsville, Va. (postponed)
May 16 — x-NASCAR Open, Concord, N.C. (postponed)
May 16 — x-NASCAR All-Star Race, Concord, N.C. (postponed)
May 17 — NASCAR Cup Series at Darlington, Darlington, S.C.
May 24 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
May 20 — NASCAR Cup Series at Darlington, Darlington, S.C.
May 27 — NASCAR Cup Series at Charlotte, Concord, N.C.
May 31 — Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.
June 7 — FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (TBA)
June 14 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (TBA)
June 21 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill. (TBA)
June 27 — Kids Free 325, Long Pond, Pa. (TBA)
June 28 — Worry-Free Weather Guarantee 350, Long Pond, Pa. (TBA)
July 5 — Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered By Florida Georgia Line, Speedway, Ind. (TBA)
July 11 — Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart, Sparta, Ky. (TBA)
July 19 — Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, Loudon, N.H. (TBA)
Aug. 9 — Consumers Energy 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (TBA)
Aug. 16 — Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (TBA)
Aug. 23 — Drydene 400, Dover, Del. (TBA)
Aug. 29 — Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (TBA)
Sept. 6 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (TBA)
Sept. 12 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va. (TBA)
Sept. 19 — Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn. (TBA)
Sept. 27 — South Point 400, Las Vegas, Nev. (TBA)
Oct. 4 — Alabama 500, Talladega, Ala. (TBA)
Oct. 11 — Bank of America ROVAL 400, Concord, N.C. (TBA)
Oct. 18 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan. (TBA)
Oct. 25 — Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas (TBA)
Nov. 1 — Xfinity 500, Martinsville, Va. (TBA)
Nov. 8 — NASCAR Cup Series Championship, Avondale, Ariz. (TBA)
x-non-points race

GOLF

World Golf Ranking
Through May 10

1.	Rory McIlroy	NIR	9.45
2.	Jon Rahm	ESP	8.48
3.	Brooks Koepka	USA	7.73
4.	Justin Thomas	USA	7.41
5.	Dustin Johnson	USA	6.45
6.	Adam Scott	AUS	5.97
7.	Patrick Reed	USA	5.87
7.	Patrick Cantlay	USA	5.87
9.	Webb Simpson	USA	5.84
10.	Tommy Fleetwood	ENG	5.58
11.	Tiger Woods	USA	5.44
12.	Xander Schauffele	USA	5.38
13.	Bryson DeChambeau	USA	5.15
14.	Justin Rose	ENG	5.02
15.	Marc Leishman	AUT	4.79
16.	Tony Finau	USA	4.62
17.	Matt Kuchar	USA	4.43
18.	Gary Woodland	USA	4.38
19.	Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	4.33
20.	Shane Lowry	IRL	4.27
21.	Tyrrell Hatton	ENG	4.23
22.	Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.14
23.	Sungjae Im	KOR	4.04
24.	Paul Casey	ENG	3.99
25.	Matthew Fitzpatrick	ENG	3.79
26.	Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	3.77
27.	Rickie Fowler	USA	3.50
28.	Francesco Molinari	ITA	3.46
29.	Abraham Ancer	MEX	3.13
30.	Kevin Na	USA	3.11
31.	Lee Westwood	ENG	3.07
32.	Henrik Stenson	SWE	3.06
33.	Danny Willett	ENG	2.86
34.	Billy Horschel	USA	2.73
35.	Cameron Smith	AUS	2.72
36.	Kevin Kisner	USA	2.70
37.	Chez Reavie	USA	2.69
38.	Sergio Garcia	ESP	2.62
39.	Jazz Janewattananond	THA	2.60
40.	Victor Perez	FRA	2.60
41.	Shugo Imahira	JPN	2.59
42.	Erik van Rooyen	SAF	2.58
43.	Matt Wallace	ENG	2.49
44.	Collin Morikawa	USA	2.46
45.	Scottie Scheffler	USA	2.40
46.	Rafa Cabrera Bello	ESP	2.40
47.	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	SAF	2.39
48.	Brandt Snedeker	USA	2.38
49.	Graeme McDowell	NIR	2.38
50.	Byeong Hun An	KOR	2.36

PGA Tour FedEx Cup Leaders
Through May 10

		Points	Money
1.	Sungjae Im	1,458	$3,862,168
2.	Justin Thomas	1,403	$4,214,477
3.	Rory McIlroy	1,179	$3,832,721
4.	Brendon Todd	1,110	$2,561,615
5.	Webb Simpson	1,083	$2,751,300
6.	Patrick Reed	1,077	$3,226,531
7.	Marc Leishman	1,059	$2,996,025
8.	Lanto Griffin	1,026	$2,621,112
9.	S.Munoz	1,006	$2,376,998
10.	H. Matsuyama	869	$2,729,322
11.	Kevin Na	827	$2,100,945
12.	X. Schauffele	804	$2,394,130
13.	Cameron Smith	787	$2,062,515
14.	Tyrrell Hatton	751	$2,460,479
15.	Cameron Champ	727	$1,657,424
16.	B. DeChambeau	721	$2,362,266
17.	Joaquin Niemann	704	$1,932,504
18.	Nick Taylor	692	$1,802,626
19.	Scottie Scheffler	691	$1,667,813
20.	Adam Scott	685	$2,086,829
21.	Jon Rahm	657	$1,895,143
22.	Tom Hoge	654	$1,716,865
23.	Byeong Hun An	646	$1,793,819
24.	Harris English	630	$1,667,586
25.	Abraham Ancer	617	$1,626,814
26.	Carlos Ortiz	598	$1,488,104
27.	Tyler Duncan	592	$1,384,620
28.	Tiger Woods	571	$1,956,312
29.	Patrick Cantlay	561	$1,476,955
30.	Andrew Landry	559	$1,323,250

BCS names spring sports seniors All-Conference

By HP STAFF

Due to the cancellation of the spring sports season due to COVID-19 concerns, the athletic directors of the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference sought to provide recognition to their spring sports athletes by recognizing them as BCS All-Conference in their respective sports.

Here is a list of area BCS students honored:

Boys track

Berrien Springs – Kevin Blaylock, Nate Britenfeld, Ryan Gonzalez, Xavier Haynes, Solomon Henderson, Justin Johnson, Kurt Krause, Anthony Latin, Mitchell Robaska, Skyler Sawle, Carter Sheline, Enoch Sibande, Nick Swank, Clinton Taveras, Danny Vinson, Payton White.

Brandywine —Jordan Abrams, Jaelen Briggs, Aaron Lauri, Ian Perkins, Thomas Roman, AJ Stockdale, Mathew Cox.

Bridgman – Eric Adams, Ezra Clapsaddle, John Davis, Chipper Steffey.

Buchanan —Aiden Kile, Austin Wiggins, Bobby Ruth, Brett Valentine, Carter Harrington, Collin Cozadd, Gabriel McCollum, Kadin Mills, Kelsey Brown, Kollin Gallegos, Kyle Kennedy, Rockey Harding, Zeke Furst.

Countryside – Sam Rollins, Terrance Allen Jr., Brandon Buchanan, Myles Barney.

Covert – Jessie Hernandez, Michael Darling.

Lawrence – Austin Hammond, Harley Kirby, Alan Macyauski, Kaleb Smith, Lanndan Copeman, Juan Villanueva.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Benjamin Johnston.

New Buffalo – Ian Cawley, Rogelio Garcia.

River Valley – Logan Payne, Levi Ashby, Jacob Barbour, Cooper Harrington, Brandon Henrichson, Noe Patino.

Girls track

Berrien Springs —Sandi Andriamparany, Klarissa Burch, Hillary Dortch, Zoe Dortch, Faith Kittleson, Avion Lall, Shay Reyes, Gianna Ruhaya, Yazmin Singleton, Zariya Suggs, Eboni Willis, Jada Willis.

Brandywine – Verena Daniels.

Bridgman – Mikaela Owen.

Buchanan – Amel Allaoui, Christina Mason, Jade Smith, Joebe Cronin, Mary Becvar, Nora Kaltenbach, Shailin Golden.

Countryside – Yneisha Washington, Skye Lanier.

Grace Christian – Grace Stockdale.

Lawrence – Catalina Mancera.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Melanie Kibler, Bailey Siglow.

River Valley – Allison Schmidt, Chloe Stanage, Maya Preece.

Girls tennis

Berrien Springs —Jacklyn Alsbro, Joyce Hajaj, Ellen Randrianaina, Venessa Rojo, Melody Ruiz.

Brandywine – Megan Schmidt, Kimberly Solloway, Maigon Conrad, Alysa Marlin, Carrigan Duffield, Caitlin Stanner.

Bridgman – Ashley Willer, Haley Goff.

Buchanan – Natalie Riley, Catherine Lietz, Anna Tobler, Hannah Vergon.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Madeleine Johnson, Bailey Siglow.

New Buffalo – Leigha Vinson.

Boys golf

Berrien Springs – Brady Boone, Jackson Glanzer, Enrique Latino, Colton Stoub.

Brandywine – Reese McKee.

Buchanan – Brighton Lee, Lucy Arbanas, Madison Cole, Sean McNeely.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Max Allen, Connor Casey, Vincent Ireland, Jacob Koenig.

New Buffalo – Jacob Fidler.

River Valley – Carson Taylor, Connor Brown, Jacob Ashcraft.

Girls soccer

Berrien Springs – Alyssa Burke, Aslinn Cleland, Kaitlin EscobarFaith KittlesonDulce LopezHannah Pittman, Josie Suarez, Gabriella Trevisan.

Brandywine – Krishna Devdhara, Karleigh Rohlfs.

Bridgman – Talea LaVanway, Mikaela Owen.

Buchanan – Caitlyn Harrell, Hannah Donnelly, Austynn Dalton, Kelsey Ropp, AnneMarie Hansen, Kolleen Bromley.

Covert – Linda Perez, Kasandra Zamora, Maria Ayala.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Claire Duris, Ashley Herrera, Kathleen Krieger, Elena Proos, Hayden Starr.

Michigan Lutheran – Rebekah Hisle.

New Buffalo – Kira Arvanitis, Grace Gradowski, Rachel Hofstetter, Emily Baughman, Sarah Eberly.

Baseball

Berrien Springs – Cameron Baker, Nate Brittenfield, Sean Carl, Kyle Johnson, Nick Nelson, Jeff Shembarger.

Brandywine – Ty Mickiewicz, John Johnson, Connor Janowiak, Shane Brown, Brock Prenkert.

Bridgman – Henry Branch, Jackson Schmaltz, Ethan Pope, Fisher Spessard, Donnie Necas, Andrew Pliley, Hunter Adams, Kristian Dalton.

Buchanan – Jacob Hoover, Dedrick Adkerson, Bradley VanOverberghe, Carter Aalfs, Camden Lorance.

Lawrence – Brandon Lopez, Alan Macyauski, Marco Pathan, Kaleb Smith, Dakota Thompson, Juan Valanueva, Jacob Zapata.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Jacob Koenig, John Mansfield.

Michigan Lutheran – Daniel Graebel.

New Buffalo – Michael Flick, Joe Wick, Max Ripley.

River Valley – Matthew Schmidt, Wil Korbel, Davyd Bronson, Levi Strauss, Kenny Gibson Jr., Tylar Montgomery, Alan Lang, Elijah Witter, Tim Hollingsworth.

Softball

Berrien Springs – Emily Knight, Kylee Smith, Ramaa Abburi.

Brandywine – Malikiyyah Abdullah, Kennedy Byrd, Jada Dixon, Delani Nelson, Alexis Rhodes, Zarah Vandygriff.

Bridgman – Madelyn Oman, Maddi Schiffer, Mackenzie Norris.

Buchanan – Abby Hickok, Chloe Spitz, Emma Lozmack.

Lawrence – Peyton Murney, Megan Page.

Lake Michigan Catholic – Emily Lage, Chloe Simmons, Mariah Sirk, Kathryn Wertheimer, Yneisha Washington.

Michigan Lutheran – Katie Rainey, Olivia McLaughlin, Francis Chukwu.

New Buffalo – Mary Mayer, Clair Workman, Jackie Hauseman, Taylor Oselka, Sonja Heath.

River Valley – Halie York, Allyson Rochefort, Kyleigh LePinske, Emma Springer, Ella Olson.

Show us the money

Orlin Wagner / AP

In this May 1, 2019 file photo, Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Blake Snell, right, is taken out by manager Kevin Cash, left, during the fourth inning of game. Snell says he will not take the mound this year if his pay is cut further, proclaiming: "I'm not playing unless I get mine."

AP source: Players ask MLB for slew of financial documents

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Lawyers for the baseball players' union asked Major League Baseball to submit a slew of financial documents that detail the industry's finances, a person familiar with the request told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday because neither side announced the step.

Baseball owners on Monday approved a proposal that could lead to the coronavirus-delayed season starting around the Fourth of July with a regular-season schedule of about 82 games. Owners also gave the go-ahead to propose basing players' salaries on a a 50-50 revenue split, which the union says is a salary cap and a framework players will never agree to.

The type of financial disclosure the union asked for is more common during overall collective bargaining talks, which play out for many months or years, rather than the limited negotiation time available now.

"There's so many ways to hide the money," Cincinnati pitcher Trevor Bauer said in a video he posted Wednesday on Twitter.

Bauer said owners could reduce ticket prices and at the same time charge more for parking garages they control through different entities that do not benefit the club.

Describing himself as being only slightly lighthearted, the outspoken 29-year-old took a shot at the baseball commissioner.

"If I'm going to have to trust my salary to Rob Manfred marketing the game to make more money for the game, I am out on that," Bauer said. "Let me market the game and we'll all make more money."

Teams made a presentation to the union Tuesday that included a dire financial forecast but no formal proposal.

Management fears even more financial difficulty if regular-season games are played, causing players to be paid their salaries, and the postseason is canceled because of a second wave of the new coronavirus. Players do not draw salaries during the postseason, when MLB receives the largest portion of its national broadcasting revenue.

Players are waiting to received detailed medical and testing protocols from MLB. Not willing to risk becoming ill, Tampa Bay Rays All-Star pitcher Blake Snell said he would not take the mound this year if his pay is cut further.

"I'm not splitting no revenue. I want all mine," the 2018 AL Cy Young Award winner said on a Twitch stream Wednesday. "Bro, y'all got to understand, too, because y'all going to be like: 'Bro, play for the love of the game. Man, what's wrong with you, bro? Money should not be a thing.' Bro, I'm risking my life. What do you mean, 'It should not be a thing?' It 100 percent should be a thing."

A 27-year-old left-hander, Snell agreed in March 2019 to a $50 million, five-year contract that included a $3 million signing bonus, a $1 million salary last year and a $7 million salary this season.

As part of the March 26 agreement between Major League Baseball and the players' association, Snell is being advanced $286,500 for the first 60 days of the season through May 24 but would not get any more in 2020 if no games are played. The deal calls for players to receive prorated shares of salary if the season does start; Snell would get $43,210 for each day of the schedule.

Teams say they would lose money if games are played in empty ballparks.

Michigan basketball lands Purdue transfer Nojel Eastern

By JAMES HAWKINS
The Detroit News (TNS)

It didn't take long for Purdue transfer Nojel Eastern to find a new and unexpected home in the Big Ten.

Eastern announced his commitment to Michigan in a Twitter post on Thursday, just two days after he entered the transfer portal.

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound wing was a staple in Purdue's rotation during his three-year career in West Lafayette, appearing in 37 games as a freshman and starting 62 games over the past two seasons.

Eastern's best season was when he averaged 7.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists as a sophomore, helping the Boilermakers win a share of the Big Ten regular-season title and reach the Elite Eight.

However, he wasn't able to build off that as his production dipped his junior year. In 31 games last season, Eastern averaged 4.9 points, four rebounds and 2.7 assists while shooting 42 percent from the field and 48.5 percent from the free-throw line.

Eastern, a former top-70 recruit out of Evanston, Illinois, is a career 55.8 percent free-throw shooter and isn't much of a 3-point threat with a 3-for-16 mark in 104 career games.

While he's limited as a shooter and is still trying to develop his offensive game, he's a high-level defender who earned a spot on the Big Ten's All-Defensive Team the last two seasons.

Eastern is a traditional transfer, meaning he likely will have to sit out next season _ unless he receives a waiver _ before playing his final year in 2021-22. He will still count on the roster and take up a scholarship spot for 2020-21.

Purdue coach Matt Painter had some pointed comments about Eastern's decision to transfer during a radio interview on "The Dan Dakich Show" on Wednesday.

"Nojel improved from his freshman to sophomore year, but he took a step back this year," said Painter, who added Eastern's departure was a surprise. "I love him, but he's got to check (his self assessment)."

Prior to entering the transfer portal on Tuesday, Eastern also entered his name into the NBA Draft for the second time in his career.

Keselowski draws pole for NASCAR's return race

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

Brad Keselowski celebrated his first pole win of the season — and perhaps the most memorable of his career – from afar.

After waiting nearly a full hour Thursday evening, the Team Penske driver watched NASCAR's chief scorer Kyle McKinney finally pluck the No. 1 ball out of a random draw – giving the 2012 sereis champion the top starting position when the Cup season resumes Sunday at Darlington Raceway.

"1st. Woooooo," Keselowski wrote on Twitter.

He will be joined on the front row by Alex Bowman of Hendrick Motorsports. Matt DiBenedetto, Kyle Busch and Aric Almirola close out the top five starting spots.

For some, NASCAR's revised system worked like a dream. Keselowski, the 2018 Southern 500 winner, jumped from 10th in the standings to first on the 36-car starting grid.

For others, like points leader Kevin Harvick, things didn't end up so well. The Stewart-Haas Racing driver drew the No. 6 slot.

And aside from the luck of the draw, there was nothing the drivers could do except wait, watch and hope.

Series officials split the drivers into three groups of 12 based on points, filling spots 1-12, 13-24 and 25-36 with a random draw.

Now, without qualifications, practice runs or fans, those cars will line up on one of NASCAR's most prestigious tracks for the first major race since March.

Ryan Newman will make his first start since a frightening crash at the season-opening Daytona 500. The Roush Fenway Racing driver was cleared to drive following a run at, yes, Darlington and will start 21st.

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Recovery would be a bargain at $3 trillion

E.J. Dionne

Until now, President Trump and the Republicans could at least try to argue that the nation's economic collapse was the result of a pandemic over which they had no control. And they could point to relief packages totaling $2.8 trillion.

It's already a very tough case to make. Trump's failure to take the crisis seriously early on and his refusal to organize a national strategy for testing, contact tracing and the production of needed health equipment made everything much worse. Polls suggest that the botched response is costing Trump and his party.

But the stakes, both substantive and political, became much higher on Tuesday when House Democrats released a plan, broadly supported by Senate Democrats, to inject $3 trillion more into the economy, largely directed toward those suffering most.

The Democrats' emphasis is not on more business bailouts but on helping people going hungry, losing their health care, and having trouble paying the rent or student loans. They would also funnel close to a trillion dollars to state and local governments facing mass layoffs as their revenues collapse.

And House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., got an unexpected boost for her aggressive approach on Wednesday from Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell. "The scope and speed of this downturn are without modern precedent, significantly worse than any recession since World War II," Powell said in a speech delivered online.

In a direct endorsement of bold action, Powell, who was named by Trump, added: "Additional fiscal support could be costly but worth it if it helps avoid long-term economic damage and leaves us with a stronger recovery." Powell underscored the need to focus on the most vulnerable by noting that "the burden" of the economic collapse "has fallen most heavily on those least able to bear it."

Contrast this with Monday's statement from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.: "We have not yet felt the urgency of acting immediately." Those 10 words already seemed out of touch at a moment when some 33 million Americans are out of work, and they look even more tone-deaf in the wake of Powell's intervention.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., is not letting a day go by without offering a comparison of Trump and the Republicans to Herbert Hoover, the Depression Era president who was routed by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. Through inaction, Schumer tweeted on Monday, Trump and McConnell "could lead us into a Second Great Depression."

This is why Republicans won't get very far with their favorite talking point that Pelosi's package is just a "liberal wish list," a phrase invoked as if it were an exorcism.

For one thing, the package doesn't go far enough for many liberals in Pelosi's caucus. Reps. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., and Mark Pocan, D-Wisc., of the House Progressive Caucus wrote the House leadership to ask for a delay in a vote on the proposal. Jayapal is pushing for federally funding business payrolls, an idea that has also been advanced by Virginia's moderate Democratic Sen. Mark Warner.

But the larger problem is that vague "liberal wish list" rhetoric is a name-calling exercise designed to avoid taking a stand on specific proposals that appeal well beyond those who call themselves "liberal."

The GOP will have to explain why it's a bad idea for the federal government to pick up the tab for those who lost their health insurance when they lost their jobs. Republican state and local officials want and need fiscal relief no less than their Democratic counterparts. Extending unemployment benefits is a direct response to projections of high rates of joblessness well into 2021. With hunger on the rise, isn't a food stamp increase the most efficient (and, yes, market-oriented) form of relief?

And if your slogan is to "get the country back to work," can you really argue against financing a testing, tracing and treatment program to restore confidence among Americans who remain, in large numbers, petrified of a virus still out of control?

Sure, the sticker shock of a $3 trillion package will become another convenient line of attack for those who don't want to address its specifics. "It's a lot of money," Pelosi herself observed drily on "Morning Joe" Wednesday.

Yet its size is also its advantage, not only as an opening bargaining position for the House against a recalcitrant Senate GOP, but also as a measure of what Powell called "a level of pain that is hard to capture in words."

Powell is right: The choice is to act forcefully now or to sink into long-term stagnation. You don't need to be a student of Herbert Hoover's travails to know which is the better path.

E.J. Dionne is a columnist for The Washington Post.

LETTERS

Hoadley is right person to represent us

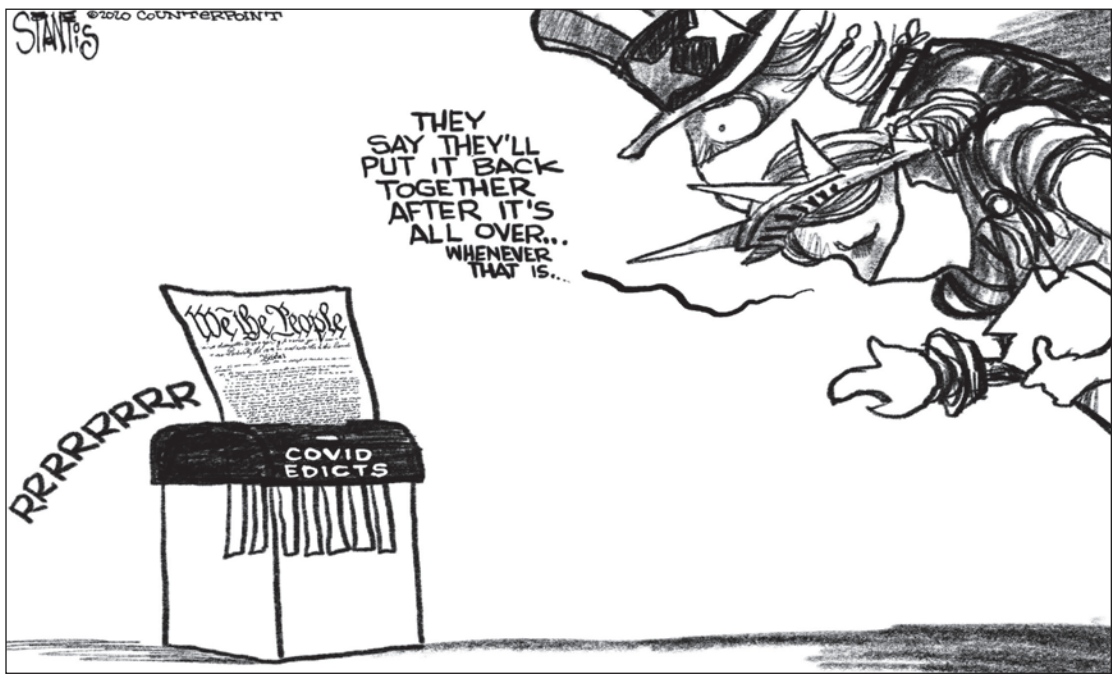
Editor,

State Rep. Jon Hoadley, D-Kalamazoo, is the leading Democratic candidate to replace Fred Upton as our United States congressman from the 6th district. Jon has been an outstanding state representative and he will be an outstanding member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jon Hoadley is a strong advocate for health care reform. In the Michigan Legislature, he co-sponsored the Health Over Profits for Everyone (H.O.P.E.) bill, which aims to lower out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications and doctor visits while increasing accountability for pharmaceutical companies engaged in price gouging. When this bill was introduced in October 2019, Rep. Hoadley stated that he and his Democratic colleagues were committed to making sure that "every single person in this state can afford the medicine and the medical care they need."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jon has been an outspoken advocate for a national strategy based on the guidance of scientific experts. He has criticized the lack of such a strategy from the Trump administration and has supported the positive public health initiatives of Gov. Whitmer and other state and local leaders.

In addition to health care reform, Jon Hoadley has been a strong voice for workers. He introduced legislation to crack down on payroll fraud and to create a registry of companies outsourcing jobs overseas. He vigorously opposed the anti-democratic action of state Republican legislators who passed highly partisan legislation that gutted the One Fair Wage and Michigan Time to Care laws. These laws were established by virtue of citizen-led ballot initiatives. In response to the Republicans' anti-worker legislation, Rep. Hoadley said that gutting the laws passed by the voters "will mean many working people will have to continue working multiple jobs in order to support their family and won't be able to take time to care for themselves or their family if they get sick."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We the People
COVID EDICTS

Jon Hoadley has always advocated for proper funding for Michigan's schools. Coming from a family of educators, he is a champion for teachers and students and a critic of the anti-education policies of Betsy DeVos.

Unlike Fred Upton, who has been labeled an "enemy of the earth" by the Los Angeles Times, Jon is a consistent advocate for the environment. He has been endorsed by the League of Conservation Voters, which works to elect pro-environment candidates.

Jon has strongly advocated for nonpartisan redistricting and no-excuse absentee voting, important changes that became law in Michigan after being approved by a citizen-led ballot initiative.

Jon Hoadley remains committed to health care reform, raising wages for working people, implementing paid sick leave, increasing education funding, protecting the environment, reforming elections, and ending all forms of discrimination. He is a strong, principled, energetic leader – we need him as our representative in the United States Congress.

Dr. Larry Feldman
Lakeside

Fire department made birthday special

Editor,

Recently, my two grandsons celebrated big birthdays as they turned 13 and 10, respectively.

Knowing they would not be having parties with friends this year, I called the fire department and requested a drive-by for each of the boys. They came at the appointed times, sounding their sirens and tooting their horns in honor of each birthday boy. It was really a very special gesture and one that not only the birthday boys but all of their family members enjoyed. It was memorable.

We appreciate what these first responders are doing to help bring some happiness during this unusually difficult time for all of us. Many thanks to you and lots of virtual hugs.

Donna Dumke
St. Joseph

Don't privatize postal service

Editor,

During these crazy times federal government attempts to starve the United States Post Office out of existence may not appear on many people's radar screen. It should. The USPS is one of our most important institutions, contributing greatly to the growth and prosperity of this great nation.

Like everything else, the post office has faced many challenges and changes through the years. Still, it remains as important to our nation today as ever. Some politicians say that the post office is losing money and should be privatized. What they don't say is that Congress burdened the post office with a unique mandate to pre-fund their retirement program 75 years ahead; something no other institution (private or government) is burdened by. Looking through that lens it is not hard to understand how President Trump gets away with calling the post office a joke, pointing out that it is losing money.

The post office serves an important service to every citizen and business in this nation. It also represents a nice fat prize to those that would love to privatize it and milk it for profit. The post office is an amazing institution staffed by hard working people that would function well fiscally if not for the retirement clause. That President Trump recently appointed one of his political minions with no practical experience to head the post office speaks volumes about plans for the future of the USPS.

Contact your senators and representatives and tell them to do the right thing by supporting the post office and protecting it from self-serving interests. It is an incredible public asset that belongs to all of us. Let's keep it that way.

Jeff Nelson
Cassopolis

ANOTHER OPINION

Coronavirus liability protections must strike balance

As states slowly emerge from stay-home orders, most discussion has rightly focused on physical safeguards for workers, customers and broader communities from COVID-19.

But responsible loosening of the public health-related shutdown must also involve setting reasonable limits to liability for companies that have taken recommended precautions and acted in good faith.

No one can guarantee that coronavirus transmissions won't increase – or even spike – with the slow resumption of commercial activity. Even a cautious reopening involves a certain degree of risk. Employers who follow all guidelines to protect employees and the public should have legal assurance that they will not be unreasonably penalized if that happens, or for making necessary changes to business operations to safeguard public health.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has vowed that no further coronavirus relief bill will see the light of day in his chamber unless it includes liability shields for businesses and employers. House Democrats, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have expressed little interest, saying the focus should be on workers' rights.

With congressional talks reportedly stalled, business owners are put in a difficult position.

Clearly, health and safety of workers, patients and the public must be a top priority, as is a recognition that these extraordinary times place extraordinary burdens on employers and commercial enterprises. Liability shields should not protect bad actors who knowingly violate state or federal guidelines, such as the Colorado restaurant which reportedly allowed customers to sit elbow to elbow on Mother's Day. Rather, they should protect those who act in good faith to protect customers, vendors and employees from harm when much is still unknown.

Make no mistake, employers have a strong responsibility to protect their workers and customers. But liability should be limited if they take reasonable precautions and are transparent about potential risks.

– The Seattle Times

Tea Party fatigue cramps protesters

Kathleen Parker

Just as Romantics eventually learn that no amount of passion or staging can fully recapture love's first blushes, political movements often suffer the ennui and self-parody of attempted recreations.

Recent attempts to re-enact the erstwhile Tea Party protests in a movement to oppose coronavirus-related shutdowns have shown signs of fizzling despite President Trump's weird cheerleading. They are, after all, shouting down Trump's own guidelines for trying to contain the new coronavirus, which has afflicted more than 1.3 million Americans and led to more than 81,000 deaths.

And counting.

The protesters began losing steam when the Koch network, underwriters of the Tea Party movement from a decade ago, decided to run with scientists instead of the gun-toting provocateurs trampling the spring-green grass around state capitols. The CEO of Americans for Prosperity, the main political arm of the Koch network, said that they prefer working with doctors, data crunchers and public policy leaders to create guidelines for a safe and staggered reopening of American businesses.

While this approach may prove challenging, the concept itself is simple. Based on what we've learned since January, a modified return to "normal" is the only prudent course of action, as credible experts have said again and again. But Trump, like a child who covers his ears and sings tra-la-la-la-la, prefers to hear only what erupts from his lips.

Perhaps the president has fallen prey to own imagination. Just last week, he declared that Americans have met the challenge of COVID-19 and have prevailed. Have we? Where Trump envisions parades, others see funeral processions.

Not only has the virus NOT vanished "like a miracle," as Trump predicted earlier this year, it's not going away until we have vaccines. Testifying before a Senate hearing on the pandemic on Tuesday, chief epidemiologist Tony Fauci reiterated his warning that we still don't know enough about the virus to re-enter the normal zone without great caution. When a newly bearded Sen. Rand Paul challenged Fauci on the media's reporting that there's no evidence that antibodies protect against reinfection, Fauci explained the issue may be a matter of semantics.

Yes, it's likely that antibodies will protect previously infected people from reinfection, Fauci said, but there's no hard, scientific evidence in the sense of long-term protocols being met to declare it definitively so. This is what one would expect a scientist to say – and it's not the media's job to insist he disregard his training and speak wishfully.

Monday's protests, meanwhile, reduced the odds of unity going forward as some Republicans added their voices to those on the ground. Rep. Andy Harris, R-Md., an obstetric anesthesiologist, railed against the shutdown during a recent tele-town hall, saying: "They promised us 2 million dead at the beginning of this." I half-expected him to whine *and dammit we only got 80,000*!

That's a curious way to lament the shelter-at-home orders that may have saved many lives. But then, medical degrees don't necessarily confer wisdom. In words Donald Trump surely would appreciate, Harris accused the media of having a "vested interest" in making things sound worse than they are so that people would tune in.

But then, just a few days earlier, mocking the stay-at-home warnings, Harris had also noted at a congressional hearing that, "We're safer from death if we're not born."

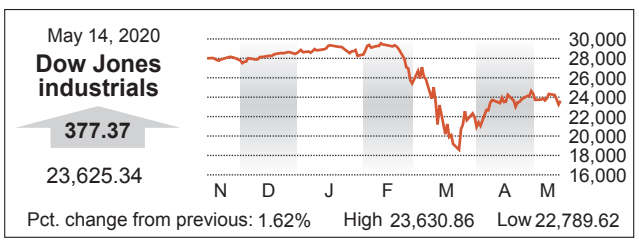
Long before COVID-19, there was risk in life everywhere. But the virus and its on-again, off-again nature makes our "normal" risk computations impossible to calculate. All you can really be certain of is this: The election season is well upon us when hurling mortality rates back and forth replaces good old-fashioned personal mudslinging.

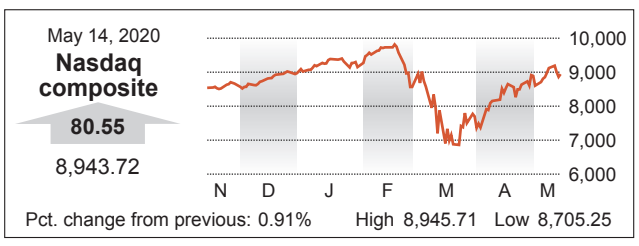
As sometimes happens in election years, 2020 could be one of those Moments of Reckoning when it is hard to find anyone on the ballot to admire. But there's much to love amid the strife of these moments. As a president might have said, the virus is still with us, but we've so far prevailed despite great hurt, fear, unemployment, lost wages, depression, sadness, loneliness and grief over the sick and the dead.

While staying apart, we have come together and learned new ways to live more simply, generously and compassionately. Those are not small things.

Let's not let our politics – or politicians – take that away.

Kathleen Parker is a columnist for The Washington Post.





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Whirlpool WHR
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▲ **4-wk.** +11.7% ▼ **YTD** -26.8%

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AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	28.58	+.49	+1.7	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	78.10	+.37	+0.5	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	309.54	+1.89	+0.6	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1055.58	+11.48	+1.1	▼	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	43.00	22.14	-.09	-0.4	▼	▲	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	54.37	+.15	+0.3	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	43.70	-.24	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	35.76	+.79	+2.3	▼	▼	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	126.80	+.98	+0.8	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	105.91	+2.99	+2.9	▼	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	75.53	+1.07	+1.4	▼	▼	▲
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FordM	F	3.96	10.56	4.89	+.17	+3.6	▼	▼	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	5.70	-.09	-1.6	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	247.12	234.48	+4.38	+1.9	▬	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	8.42	+.02	+0.2	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	7.71	+.32	+4.3	▼	▲	▼
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	149.03	+2.73	+1.9	▼	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	116.95	+1.22	+1.1	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	87.52	+3.49	+4.2	▼	▲	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	147.64	+.51	+0.3	▼	▼	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	126.73	110.39	-.04	...	▼	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	175.41	+2.59	+1.5	▼	▼	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	119.01	190.70	180.53	+.78	+0.4	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	20.24	+.06	+0.3	▼	▲	▼
Penney	JCP	0.14	1.26	.20	-.03	-12.6	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	51.99	-.17	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	44.56	37.92	+.87	+2.3	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	113.81	-.11	-0.1	▼	▼	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	79.99	+.82	+1.0	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	9.68	-.03	-0.3	▼	▲	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	179.38	-1.76	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	23.49	+1.10	+4.9	▼	▲	▲
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	119.94	+.80	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	114.25	106.83	+.33	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	91.69	+.95	+1.0	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	54.91	+.06	+0.1	▼	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	84.71	-.05	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	99.01	133.38	123.42	-.29	-0.2	▲	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	38.02	64.50	38.85	+.50	+1.3	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	20.64	+.76	+3.8	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	107.96	+5.41	+5.3	▼	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	23.96	+.23	+1.0	▼	▲	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	64.39	+.58	+0.9	▼	▲	▲

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold from mostly $26-27, Golden Delicious sold for $34, Fuji brought $29-30, Pink Lady brought $38, Gala sold from mostly $35-36, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for mostly $37, with fine appearance offerings $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $22-23, Gala sold from $23-26, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3-inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Peru sold slightly lower for $42, while large white bunched from Peru sold steady for $27, while all sizes of offerings from Washington brought $38. Organic standard size green offerings from Mexico sold steady from mostly $22-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold higher from mostly $25-27.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Georgia sold slightly higher from $22-24 with fine appearance offerings $32, while 6-ounce cups with lids offerings sold higher from $19-22. Organic offerings from California sold steady for $26, with fine appearance offerings $32. Strawberries in flats of 1-pound containers medium size from California sold from $12-14, with fine appearance offerings mostly $16-17, while organic offerings brought $22.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $13-15, with organic offerings lower from $16-16.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Florida sold from mostly $18-18.50, while red offerings sold from mostly $18-19.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold lower from mostly $12.50-14.50, with organic offerings much lower for $21.50-22.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold for $17, with yellow higher for $18.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold for $16-17, with selects higher for $17 and large from mostly $13-14, while carton 24s sold lower from mostly $7-9. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold higher for $28-28.50.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold higher from mostly $32-33, with organic offerings lower for $28.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold for $16, with organic offerings $22.50.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Valencia juice oranges sold for $22-23, while 72 count California navels sold from $24-27.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Mexico green jumbos sold for $36, large brought $33, with choppers higher from mostly $25-26. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $20-22, while extra-large poblano sold for $22, extra-large serranos sold from mostly $39-41, and medium Hungarian wax sold steady for $34.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini sold higher for $18 with medium zucchini from Mexico $16, while small-medium size yellow straight-neck sold higher from $19.50-20, with medium size $18-19. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of large size acorn sold slightly lower from $16-18, while butternut medium sold from $16-18, and spaghetti small size brought $16-18.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold higher from $28-30, and cartons 2-layer offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size sold higher for $32. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold slightly higher from mostly $10-11. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida sold steady for $12. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold lower for $16, with large size lower for $16.

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OBITUARIES

Geraldine Mabel Glass

Nov. 2, 1933 – May 13, 2020

Geraldine Glass, 86, passed away at home on May 13, 2020, surrounded by her loved ones.

Gerry was born on Nov. 2, 1933, in Woodstock, Ill., to Sanford and Georgia Sweet, who preceded her in death; along with sons, Michael and Jeffery Glass; son-in-law, Tom Driscoll; seven sisters; and three brothers. Gerry moved with her parents to Michigan in 1945. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School, class of 1951. She met and married Leo Glass in that same year.

She is survived by daughters, Georgia (Bob) Otte, Susan Lampos and Pamela Driscoll; sons, Randy Glass and Frank Glass; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sibling, Leona Brascher.

Over time Gerry worked at VM (Voice of Music) for 10 years, Clark Equipment for four years and retired from Gast Manufacturing after 23 years of service. After retirement, Gerry worked at Lake Michigan Catholic High School for 10 years.

Gerry was a devoted mother and loved being active. She enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren immensely. Gardening outside in her yard was a favorite, and her monthly outing with her breakfast group. "Grandma" was also known for her awesome apple pies and yummy homemade noodles! She was an animal lover and the family had many pets over the years. Most of all, she was a very giving person and was loved by many.

Due to the current pandemic, a private family service and burial will take place. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to be made to Caring Circle, Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or your favorite animal shelter.

Gerry's family would like to thank Dr. Madanguit, Hospice and her caregivers, Deb and Maria, for their care and support during this difficult time.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared with the family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Death notices

Gerald "Jerry" Catania, 74, of Benton Harbor died May 13, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

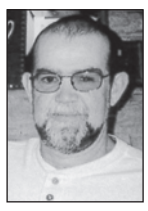
Geraldine M. Glass, 86, of Benton Harbor died May 13, 2020, at home. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Dora B. Lee, 93, of Benton Harbor died May 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Kenneth L. Lolmaugh, 67, of Buchanan died May 13, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, Ind. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Kenneth Leroy Lolmaugh

Oct. 9, 1952 – May 13, 2020



Kenneth Leroy Lolmaugh, 67, of Buchanan passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Ind.

He was born Oct. 9, 1952, in Buchanan, to the late Lawrence and Jane Lolmaugh. On May 17, 1980, he married Kathryn Clark at Trinity Lutheran Church of Glendora. Kenneth was an avid outdoorsman and would help anyone at any time. Most of all he was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Kathryn; son, Scott (Sarah) Lolmaugh of Buchanan; daughters, Erica Lolmaugh of Denver and Clarissa Lolmaugh of Buchanan; sister, Sue Hall of Buchanan; and grandchildren, Taylor, Random, Leela, Riley, Hazel and Miles.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Jane; brother, Robert A. Lolmaugh; and sister, Maureen Pagan.

Visitation for Kenneth will be held from 10-11 a.m. Monday, May 18, at Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan. Family will have a celebration of life at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Dora B. Lee

March 22, 1927 – May 9, 2020

Dora Lee, 93, of Benton Harbor departed this life May 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A private committal for family will take place. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Dora was born March 22, 1927, in Oceola, Ark., to Clarence and Dora Swanzy.

Dora leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, Lorita Mitchell and Shawlene Perry; and a host of family and friends.

Dora was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Dora Swanzy; husband, Curtis Lee Sr.; son, Curtis Lee Jr.; and grandchildren, Sonya Martin, Cory Mitchell and Monty Mitchell.

The drive-in is giving indie films a box office boost

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES — Indie films and drive-in theaters don't usually go together. Drive-ins need the big movies, the ones with superheroes and superstars, to draw substantial audiences. So it was a little surprising when "The Wretched," a supernatural horror flick with no stars, earned nearly $70,000 from 12 drive-in theaters on its first weekend.

In just two weeks, the IFC Films release has made over $200,000 from drive-ins alone, some of which are only open on the weekends for a single showing a night. And it's been available to rent at home the whole time. In pre-pandemic times, it would be considered a solid opening for the IFC. In the current climate, it's a big hit.

The pandemic has forced many in the movie business to get creative with release dates and strategies. For most, that's meant delaying things a few months or more. But IFC Films found a silver lining in the drive-in, a theatrical experience uniquely suited to social distancing that also needed new films.

"The interesting thing about this moment in time is that anything is possible!" said Lisa Schwartz, the co-president of IFC Films and Sundance Selects. "We saw an opportunity early on to continue to entertain audiences with drive-ins and thought 'The Wretched' had the right DNA for the big outdoor screen."

Drive-ins were never part of their strategy before, but since theaters around the country shuttered and the theatrical release calendar has been basically wiped clean until mid-July, IFC has released a half dozen films at the drive-in, including "How to Build a Girl," "Swallow," "The True History of the Kelly Gang" and "The Other Lamb." But "The Wretched" is by far the best performer so far.

"There is zero downside for IFC," said Movie City News editor David Poland. "No one who is going out to a drive-in is buying or renting VOD. Prints are not expensive anymore ... And drive-ins are cool."

It's at least a comparable, if not better earner, than if "The Wretched" had opened under normal circumstances in limited release with competition.

"This is good news for brick and mortar theaters that will be back in operation eventually," said Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore's senior media analyst. "If the drive-ins were empty right now, it would say that people prefer to stay home."

Dergarabedian said it might even make shops like IFC reconsider whether or not drive-ins should be part of their summer strategy going forward. IFC, which was the first distributor to "day and date" releases with Landmark Theaters 15 years ago, will continue releasing films in drive-ins and on demand up through Dave Franco's "The Rental" on July 24.

Other companies too are embracing the drive-in with new verve. Tribeca Enterprises, IMAX and AT&T are partnering for " Tribeca Drive-In," a series of new and classic films, music and sporting events that will launch nationwide on June 25.

And at the moment drive-ins are pulling the box office weight for the depleted theatrical business. On the same weekend last year, they made up 1.5 percent of business in North America. Now they account for over 91 percent, according to data from Comscore. But most studios with films playing at drive-ins are opting out of reporting earnings from the showings.

The shutdown of enclosed theaters and the blank release calendar has made the relationship between studios and theater owners even more delicate. Just look at the back-and-forth between Universal and AMC over "Trolls World Tour," which opened in drive-ins and on demand simultaneously.

Also, while a $70,000 weekend might be notable for a shop like IFC, it's a different ballgame for the bigger studios.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross
Noon-5:45 p.m. Monday, Lawton Evangelical Mennonite Church, 425 Nursery St., Lawton.

Noon-5:45 p.m. May 22, Hartford Bible Church, 65418 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.

Versiti Blood Center
7 a.m.-noon Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

2-6 p.m. Monday, Midway Baptist Church, event room, 7517 Red Arrow Highway, Watervliet.

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

3-7 p.m. Thursday, Anytime Fitness, workout area, 5643 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, Paulina Arroyo and Moustafa Elsayed, 7:24 a.m. May 5.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, Anisha Bird, 2:02 a.m. May 8.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 10 pounds, 3 ounces, Nicole and Dan Mills, 9:32 p.m. May 11.

Eau Claire – Boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, Jenna and Matthew Veine, 7:58 p.m. May 12.

St. Joseph – Boy, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, Kelly and Everardo Arellano, 7:55 p.m. May 8.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Amy and Daniel Benfield, 12:39 a.m. May 8.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 1.6 ounces, Rebecca Pletz and Luke Grice, 10:43 a.m. May 12.

Watervliet – Boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Brianne Mills and Noah Pritchard, 6:35 p.m. May 10.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Alaina Martinez and Levi Richard Engle, both of Sodus.

Ellen Marie Miota of Coloma and Renato-John Labadan Leon of Shalimar, Fla.

Kayla Noel Rosenbaum of St. Joseph and Jiacheng Liu of New Ulm, Minn.

Andrea Lynn Wagoner and Matthew Ryan Baldwin, both of Niles.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Best-selling author and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou, will address the 284th meeting of The Economic Club of Southwest Michigan Thursday, announced Michael Cook, club president.

Angelou as a poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, playwright, civil rights activities, producer, director, songwriter and lecturer shatters the walls that separate audiences along lines of race and class.

35 years ago – 1985

The merger of Mississippi Valley Airlines with Air Wisconsin will not result in any immediate schedule changes at Ross Field Airport in Benton Harbor, according to David Rhodes, airport manager.

Rhodes said the merger is effective June 1 and no schedule changes have been announced for that month. MVA currently has three daily flights between the Benton Harbor airport and O'Hare Airport in Chicago. The new airline will be named Air Wisconsin and will be headquartered in Appleton, Wis.

50 years ago – 1970

A truckload of fruit, vegetables, summer clothing and books left here this week for poverty stricken residents of Mound Bayou, Miss., situated in the heart of the delta cotton region. Andrews University Students and Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus sponsored the project. The inspiration came from Dr. David Glenn, a local physician, whose report on conditions and what's being done to improve life in the delta region is a story in itself. Dr. Glenn helps on weekends at the center that is run by Tufts Medical School, where he is on staff.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, May 15, the 136th day of 2020. There are 230 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 15, 1948, hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

On this date:

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture.

In 1918, U.S. airmail began service between Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York.

In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport, a forerunner of United Airlines.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose members came to be known as WACs. Wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 Eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.

In 1954, the Fender Stratocaster guitar, created by Leo Fender, was officially released.

In 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Showers Likely	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Showers Likely	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
63°	49°	65° / 57°	62° / 51°	53° / 43°	59° / 52°

Local Outlook

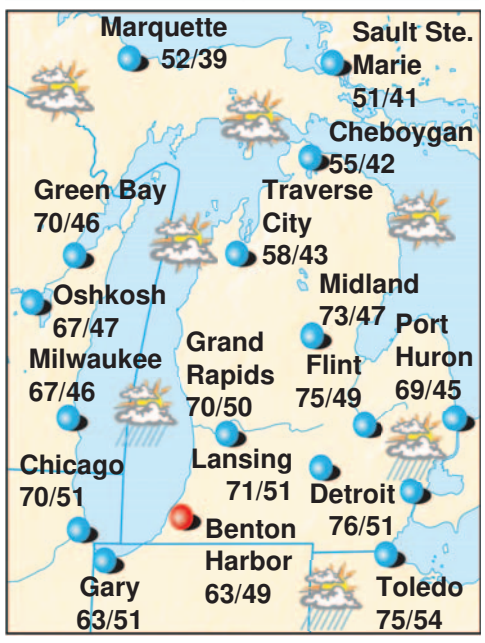
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 100% chance of showers, high temperature of 63°, humidity of 72%. West wind 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 49°. East northeast wind 7 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:24 a.m.
Sunset	9:00 p.m.
Moonrise	3:34 a.m.
Moonset	2:09 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
5/22	5/29	6/5	6/13

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	71°
Low	53°
Normal High	70°
Normal Low	47°
Record High	89° in 2007
Record Low	37° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	1.12"
Month to date	1.44"
Normal for month	1.78"
Year to date	13.68"
Normal Year to date	10.96"

Air Quality

Yesterday	48
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

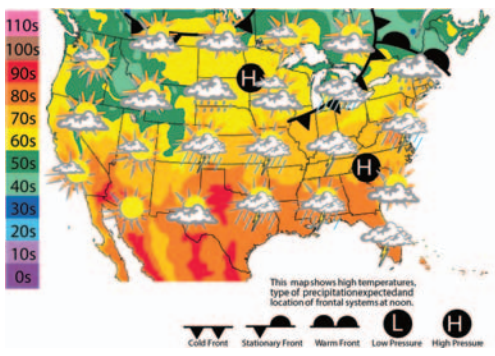
Weather Trivia

On average, what is the wettest place in the United States?

Answer: Waialeale, Hawaii gets about 460 inches of rainfall per year.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 15, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 5 to 8 kt. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind around 6 kt. Partly cloudy.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 50s. Southeast wind 2 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 50s and 60s. Northeast wind 3 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. West wind 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 60s. East northeast wind 6 to 9 mph.

Survey: Oil, manufacturing had best luck with pandemic loans

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

Almost 75 percent of small businesses in a survey applied for help from a federal loan program designed to keep workers employed during the coronavirus pandemic, but only 38 percent of small businesses received any money, according to survey results the U.S. Census Bureau released Thursday.

Oil extraction and mining businesses had the best success in getting loans from the Paycheck Protection Program with more than half of businesses surveyed in that sector reporting getting some help, according to the Census Bureau's Small Business Pulse Survey.

Just under half of small businesses in manufacturing and about 45 percent of small businesses in accommodations and food services reported receiving loans, the survey said.

Utilities fared the worst of all sectors with less than a quarter of small businesses in that sector getting loans, according to the survey.

The Paycheck Protection Program administered by the Small Business Administration has dispensed more than $530 billion in low-cost loans to millions of small businesses to cushion them from the sharp downturn induced by the coronavirus.

The Census Bureau survey showed that nearly two-thirds of small businesses in Arkansas, Maine and Oklahoma, had received loans, among the highest in the nation. Trailing the rest of the nation was California, where just over a fifth of small businesses received the emergency loans.

When asked about the disparities in an email, SBA press director Carol Wilkerson said the agency didn't have a comment to provide.

The Census Bureau launched the Small Business Pulse Survey last month in order to capture the impact of the pandemic on small businesses in near real-time. The release on Thursday was the first of what will be weekly updates.

Hats Off to the Graduates!

We want to celebrate the 2020 Senior Class and honor them in a big way!
Upload a photo of your graduating Senior to our Salute to Seniors photo gallery with an announcement or your well wishes!
We are so proud of our area graduates and we want to celebrate you!

You can upload photos and browse our gallery through June 12.

Go to www.thehp.com and click the Salute to Seniors link.
Upload your photo and well wishes!

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Matching Ad Grant Program
We are deeply committed to the community

The Paxton Media Group has established a $250,000 fund to help local business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local print newspaper and special product advertising between April 22 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of $200 and a maximum of $5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend $200 in advertising, we match with a grant of $200 additional advertising dollars to equal $400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar-for-dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at TheHP.com. Click on the "Site Forms" link at the bottom of the home page, then click on the "Advertising Match Program" link. Or enter this url into your web browser: bit.ly/2wZek6q

The Herald-Palladium will respond within 48 hours.

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